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Museum grounds get a facelift

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Historical Society is sprucing up the grounds and landscaping at its museum as part of continued beautification projects.

Several old shrubs were recently removed from the museum grounds.

Skip and Gail Madsen as part of their continued volunteer efforts for the community have installed an underground sprinkling system on the grounds. Work release crews from Camp Lehman assisted with the work.

AJD Forest Products has donated mulch for the museum grounds and compost from the Grayling Township Recycling Center will be used to give new grass a fresh start.

Milliken's Excavating, Inc. has donated top soil to help cover tree roots to address safety issues before new grass seed is planted.

Kay Cosgray, chairwoman Crawford County Historical Society Board, said the organization is hoping that school groups and families will make visits to the museum to learn about local history once the improvements are completed.

"It's going to be very picturesque when it's all done," Cosgray said.

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PEOPLE AT THE POLLS

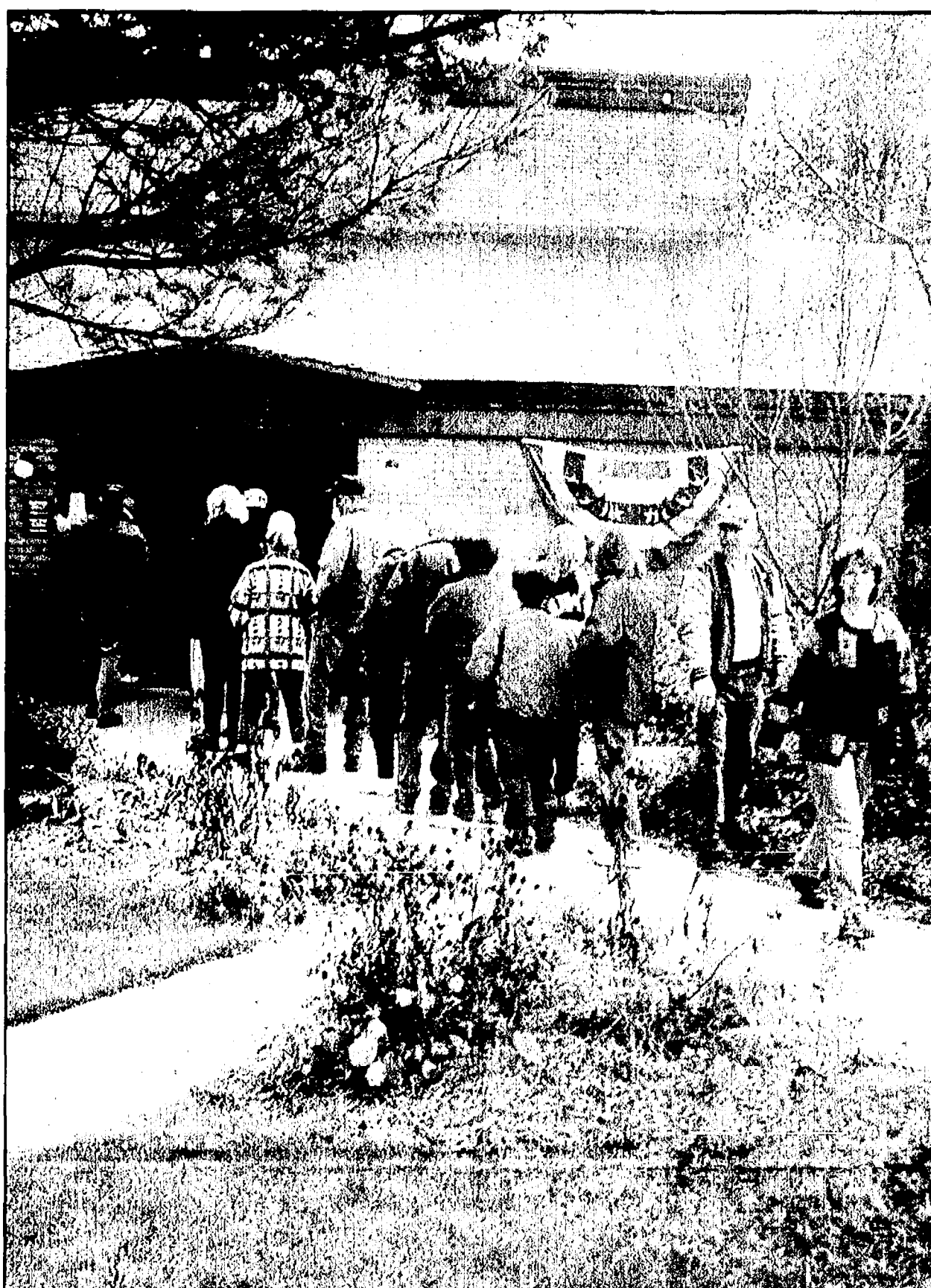


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Voters stood in line during the chilly, rainy weather Tuesday as they waited to vote in the general election at the Grayling Township Hall.

County results for November 2 election

Unofficial election results for the November 2 general election were slow to come in due to the late arrival of ballots from Frederic Township at the Crawford County Building.

The election included a county-wide proposal for law enforcement to pay to put sheriff's deputies on the road to cover the midnight shift.

The .90 of a mill levy passed by a 3,624 yes to 2,557 no vote.

The unofficial results, as of presstime, for various contested races - including county and statewide proposals - for Crawford County and its six township include: (winners are highlighted in bold type):

County Commissioner 7th District - Terry Beardslee (R) 545; Roy Spangier (D) 446.

Beaver Creek Township - Township Supervisor - Lee Riley (R) 391; Kathleen Mobarak (R registered write-in candidate) 341.

Frederic Township - Results unavailable.

Grayling Township Trustees - Shawn M. Krays (R) 1,977; Dennis J. Long (R) 1,474; Carolyn DiPonio (D) 1,454.

Lovells Township - Township Trustees - Warren H. Fuchs (R) 189; Annette Stimpson (R) 183; Delphine R. Nowaczyk (D) 190.

Maple Forest Township - Township Trustees - Ernest Wagne 77 (R); Bernard R. Feldhauser 162 (D); Kris Madill (D) 131.

South Branch Township - Township Clerk - Arlene Miller (R) 446; **Laura Smith (D) 496.** Township Treasurer - Suzanne E. Luck (R) 625; Roxanne James (NPA) 82. Township Trustees -

Michael J. Janisse (R) 482; Paul Musselman (R) 428; Bernice M. McGillis (D) 423; Joseph Myers (NPA) 167.

President/Vice President of the United States - George W. Bush/Dick Cheney (R) 3,625; John F. Kerry/John Edwards (D) 2,835; David Cobb/Patricia LaMarche (G) 11; Michael Anthony Peroutke/Chuck Baldwin (US) 8; Michael Badnarik/Richard Campagna (L) 19; Walter Brown/Mary Alice Herbert (NL) 1; Ralph Nader/Peter Miguel Carnejo (NPA) 38.

Representative in Congress 1st District (2 Year Term) - Don Hooper (R) 2,432; Bart Stupak (D) 3,706; David J. Newland (G) 57; John W. Loosmore (L) 47.

Representative in State Legislature 106th District (2 Year Term) - Richard Fortier (R) 2,860; Matt Gillard (D) 3,233.

State Ballot Proposal 04-1 - A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games - YES 4,278 to NO 2,124.

State Ballot Proposal 04-2 - A proposal to amend the state constitution to specify what can be recognized as a "marriage or similar union" for any purpose - YES 3,992 to NO 2,291.

Beaver Creek Township Proposal Headlee Rollback - A proposal to increase the millage levy by .0299 mills for three years for township operating expenses YES 222 to NO 605.

Note: See next week's Avalanche for complete November 2 general election results.

'Fire chief' visits fall festival

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

In the week running up to Halloween, several groups around the community offered a variety of safe alternatives to the usual trick-or-treating. Among these events were the Spookfest at Hanson Hills, the hay-ride and corn maze at Wellington Farm Park, and the Trunk-or-Treat at the Free Methodist Church.

This year the Agape Womens Circle at Mount Hope Lutheran Church decided they wanted their church to be more involved in the community. Their first event, co-chaired by Terry Tody and Suzanne Messerschmidt, was the First Annual Fall Festival which was held at the church parking lot on Halloween.

Each child was welcomed and given a free bag of goodies. After that, they could move around the parking lot to check out several games, check out the cars with trunkfuls of candy or have a hot-dog and some cider.

One of the big draws for the smaller children was a Spiderman bouncer in the middle of the parking lot.

About 35-40 volunteers braved the cool windy evening helping the kids have a good



This young fire chief was caught on his way to "inspect" the very popular bounce pad at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Fall Festival last Sunday evening.

Tody estimated there were over 200 children who visited during the two hour festival.

Bumper stickers protest proposed adult business

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While Grayling Township is fighting in federal court to prevent an adult book store from opening its doors, Chad Patterson has taken the battle to car and truck bumpers.

Patterson is taking donations for bumper stickers which say "Grayling is for Paddling Canoes. Not Peddling Pornography - Keep Grayling Smut Free" to protest the adult book store seeking to do business in the community.

Like the township's ordinance which attempts to prevent an adult oriented business from opening near a residential area, Patterson does not believe such a business should be located on a main gateway into the community.

Patterson does not feel the business is a good fit for Grayling in light of recent streetscape beautification projects, work done at the Grayling Fish Hatchery, construction of a

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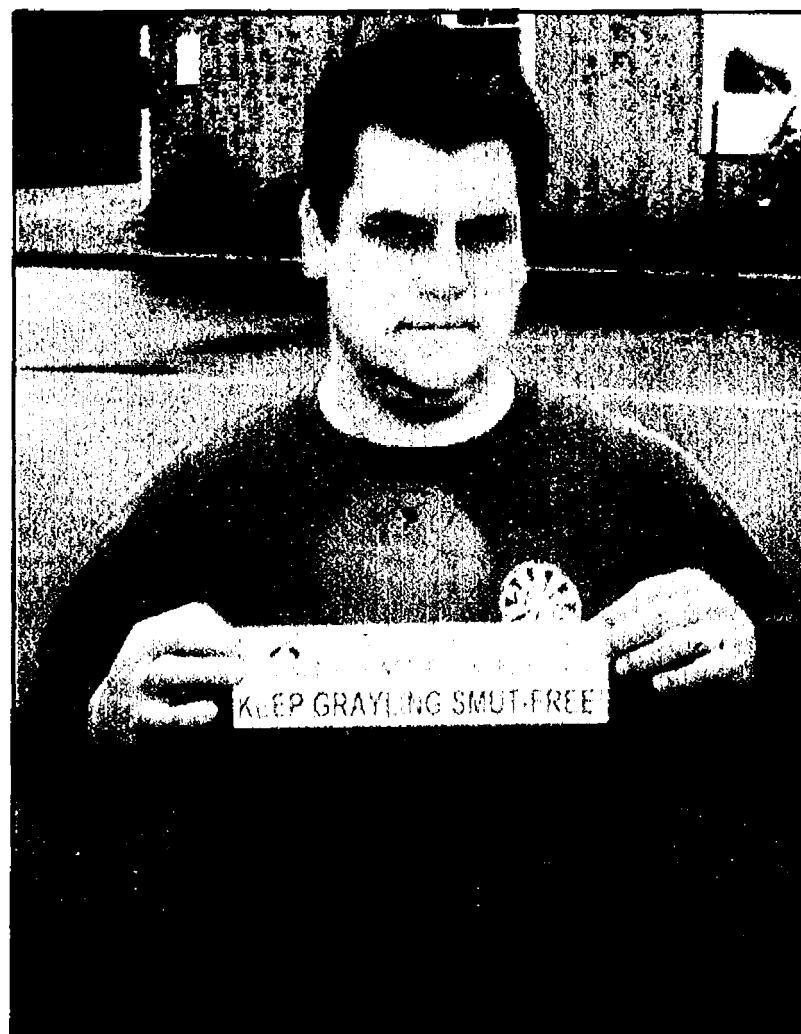


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Chad Patterson, creative director for Acting Up Theater, is taking donations for bumper stickers protesting the establishment of an adult book store in the Grayling area.

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Grayling Eagles #3465

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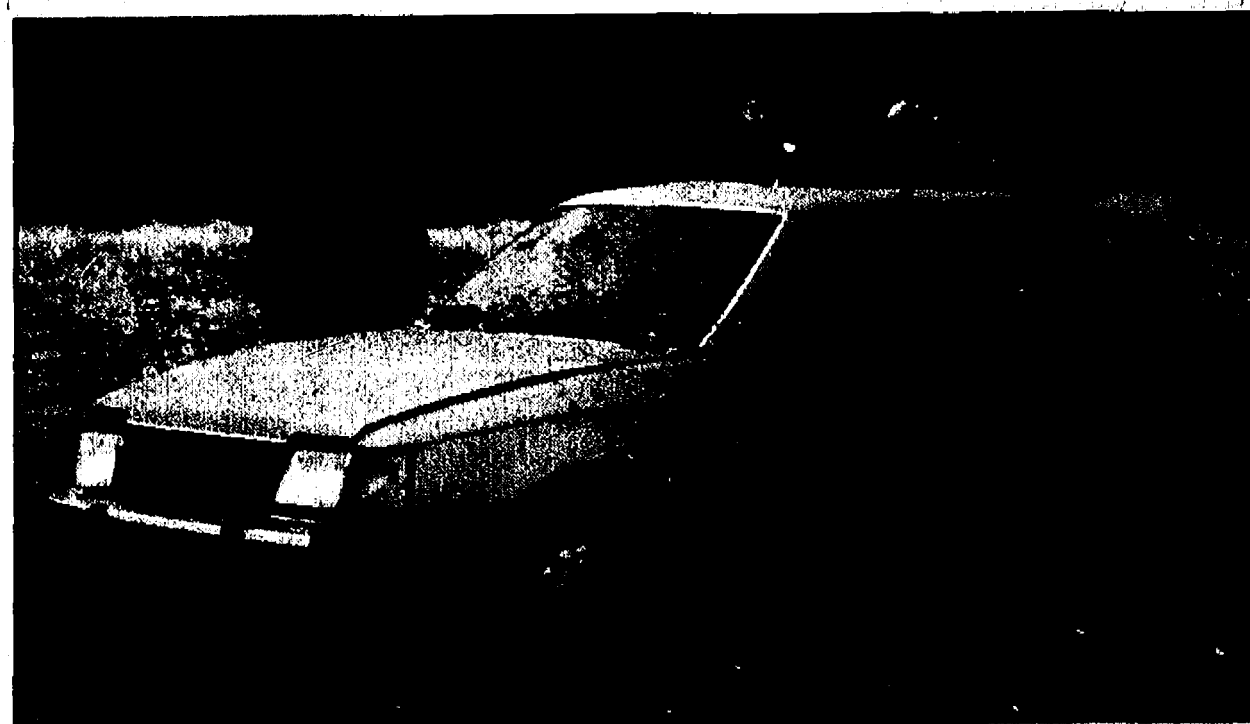


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Bomb squads from the Grayling and Bridgeport Michigan State Police Crime labs recently set bombs off near this Ford Escort as part of a training exercise held at the former city dump adjacent to the Grayling Industrial Park. The bomb squads were attempting to simulate damage done during acts of terrorism. Members of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department and Mobile Medical Response personnel were on hand during the exercise.

Bumper stickers protest proposed adult business

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new library and the facelift made at the high school.

Finally, Patterson said he does not believe the business should be visible to youth as they travel on the bike path by the adult business, to nearby day care centers and to Hanson Hills.

Patterson said he fears that other adult oriented businesses may come to Grayling if the adult book store is allowed.

"Our town does not need a red light district," Patterson said.

Patterson, the creative director for Acting Up Theater, which does theatre workshops with youth at schools, plans to give funds from stickers to local PTO organizations and other youth groups. The bumper stickers are available at the Copy Shop.

Grayling Township won the first round of a legal battle to prevent an adult book store from opening in the community.

U.S. District Court Judge David Lawson on October 20 denied a preliminary injunction

sought to prevent Grayling Township from enforcing or threatening to enforce its Nudity and Adult Entertainment Ordinance. The order was requested by attorneys for Brad Vannatter, a downstate adult entertainment developer who is seeking to open a store called "Fantasies Unlimited" located at 6131 M-72 West, the former U.S.A. Trailer property.

The township's ordinance prohibits such a business from opening within 1,500 feet of a residential area.

Now, attorneys for the township and Vannatter have until next January to file motions and prepare for a trial.

Gary Rossi, the attorney for the township's liability insurance carrier, said he could not speculate on the townships chances in court after the township prevailed at the Oct. 20 court hearing.

"None of this is an indication of anything," Rossi said.

Gregory Fisher Lord, a

Sterling Heights attorney who represents Vannatter, said the business' First Amendment Right to operate the business trumps any local ordinance.

Lord said 99 percent of similar cases are resolved by parties prior to trial because governmental entities can not regulate the content of what a business sells but can pass ordinances on how a business can operate.

"Government can not regulate what people see, hear, read or view," Lord said.

Rev. Robert Barnett, the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, submitted copies of petitions protesting the business to township officials prior to the court hearing last month.

Barnett said he hopes citizens will maintain the overwhelming conviction to oppose the book store as the lengthy and costly court battle wages on.

"Trying to prevent the business from opening is where the emphasis should be right now," Barnett said.

Museum grounds get a facelift

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The Historical Society plans to have heirloom gardens on the grounds, which will include vegetable gardens, hollyhocks and lilacs to display plants and flowers which were brought to the country in the early 1800s.

"They are the earliest, most pure strains of those flowers," said Sharon Davis, a Historical Society Board member.

Cosgray has submitted a grant to Great Lakes Energy to help pay for some of the upgrades.

She estimates the Historical Society is putting between \$700 and \$800 into the grounds.

The Historical Society has addressed safety and security issues after police and fire inspectors went through the museum earlier this year.

Shrubs and plantings were removed to give police a clear view of the museum buildings in order to secure the museum and the local artifacts.

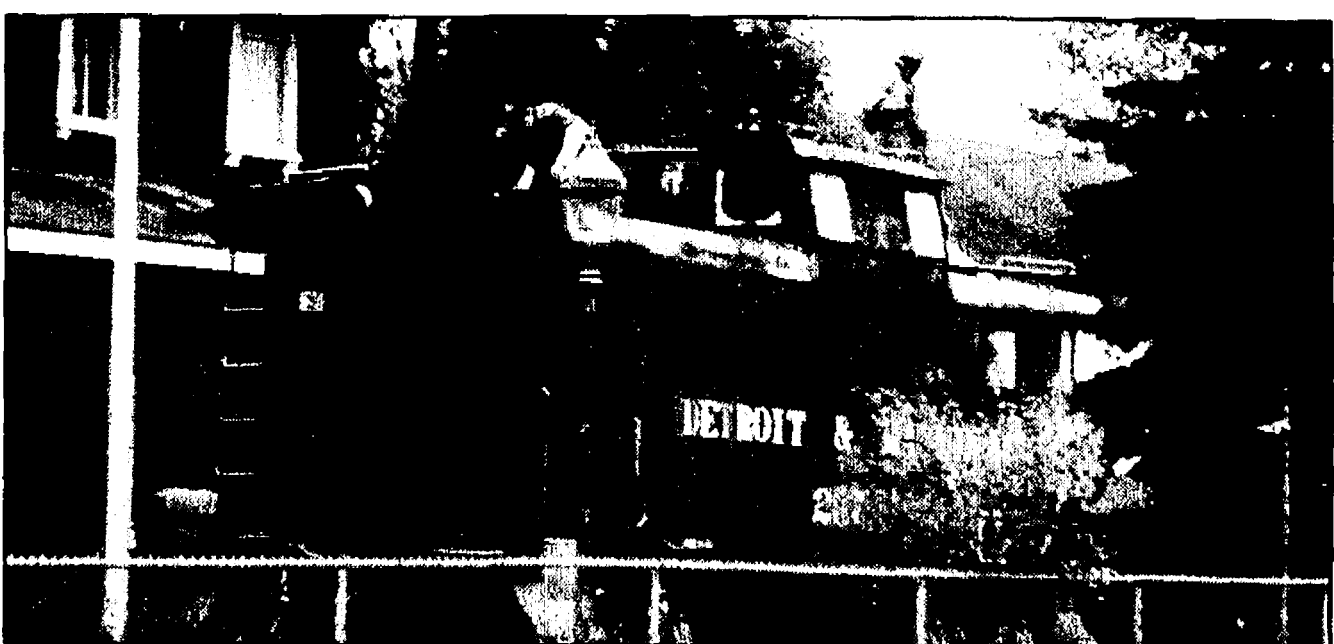
The Historical Society will launch its "Save the Caboose" campaign at its next meeting

scheduled for Tuesday, November 9.

"The caboose is starting to get in pretty bad shape so that's the next project we are going to go to the community for support," Cosgray said.

The Museum will also be decorated and open to the public for the Nov. 20 Christmas Walk.

"The museum hasn't been decorated the last couple of years, so we want to decorate the outside for Christmas," Cosgray said.



Work release crews from Camp Lehman recently help spruce up the Crawford County Historical Society Museum Grounds. The Historical Society is launching its "Save the Caboose" campaign on November 9.

Ruley appointed to library board

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Cheryl Ruley was appointed to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library board by the County Board of Commissioners at their October 20 meeting.

Ruley, who spearheaded the campaign for the library millage, said she was "interested in the

welfare of our library."

In addition to working on the millage campaign, she has also been a member of the Friends of the Library for several years.

Ruley said, "I believe literacy is a very important issue in the county and library services should meet the needs of our residents." She added, "I look forward to working with the library

director and the other board members."

Ruley has worked as a journalist, bookkeeper, graphic designer and was a project manager for US Navy Housing.

She said she loves working with the public.

She was appointed for a five year term which will expire October 31, 2009.

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Credit Union donates teddy bears

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department now has 202 new members on the force to help comfort children who face tragedies.

The staff at the Northland Area Federal Credit Union recently presented 202 teddy bears to the fire department which firefighters can give to children when they respond to accidents or house fires.

"Whenever the fire department is called and there are little ones, that's what the bears are for," said Marjorie Gonzales, a senior member service representative for the credit union.

The staff at Northland Area Federal Credit Union collected the teddy bears as part of Make A Difference Day.

Credit union members donated 124 teddy bears. The staff purchased 78 additional teddy bears from stores in Grayling and Gaylord with \$300 in donations, most of which was raised during the final days of the campaign.

"They really pushed and got on board," Gonzales said regard-

ing the credit union members.

Next year, the credit union plans to hold a similar event and will offer the bears to surrounding fire departments and emergency services personnel serving Crawford County.

Travis Roberts, the Grayling City/Township Fire Department fire marshal/inspector, said several of the bears have been placed on the department's trucks so they are handy when needed.

"It's going to be comforting for a child who may have lost everything and maybe we can provide them with a small token from the department that was provided by this organization," Roberts said. "It's devastating for kids to go through a major fire or car accident."

Created by *USA WEEKEND* Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of Every October as a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.

Paul Newman is making \$10,000 awards available to 10 Make A Difference Day projects from profits generated by his Newman's Own Products.



Photo Courtesy of Northland Area Federal Credit Union
The staff at the Northland Area Federal Credit Union recently presented teddy bears to the Grayling City/Township Fire Department. Pictured above, Marjorie Gonzales, a senior member service representative, presents the bears to Travis Roberts, the department's fire marshal/inspector.

Sheriff warns of possible fraudulent telemarketing

Sheriff Wakefield wants to warn the citizens of Crawford County that an aggressive telemarketing campaign has begun statewide. "These callers do not represent my office or the Michigan Sheriff's Association, of which I am a member," said Sheriff Wakefield.

Telemarketers have been calling citizens to request donations and, in some cases, say the

money will be applied to a scholarship program for the children of fallen officers. While some organizations rely on telemarketing, Sheriff Wakefield warns that recent calls may be fraudulent telemarketing schemes.

"If a telemarketer says they are from the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA), you should know immediately that he or she is lying," said MSA Executive

Director Terrence L. Jungel. "The MSA never requests donations by telephone. These telemarketers hurt our legitimate efforts to raise money for important training programs for the state's sheriffs." The MSA, created by the legislature in 1877, is the oldest law enforcement organization in the state and the only one that represents the office of the sheriff.

"We will not receive one dime of the money these telemarketers are trying to get," said Sheriff Wakefield. If you are called by one of these telemarketers, try to remember as much detail as possible about the call and follow these steps:

Ask the caller to clearly identify who they represent.
Do not give the caller any financial information.

Hang up. It's your phone, your time, your money.

For additional information, Sheriff Wakefield recommends contacting the MSA at 800-875-5500 or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 877-765-8388.

Baby-boomers' health needs in jeopardy

by Jonathan Malavolti
Capital News Service

As the baby-boomer generation approaches retirement, health care and nursing home officials are concerned that the money needed to take care of them won't be available, leaving Michigan senior citizens in dire straits.

"The state deficit has definitely been a problem," said Marilyn Heard, administrator of the Grayling Nursing Center.

Although her nursing center has been able to "get by," it and other homes have made sacrifices around their facilities to maintain care, she said.

"The thing that has been affected the most are employee wages," Heard said. "Cuts have been taken out of their salary."

And industry officials are concerned the situation will worsen.

"We're entirely unprepared for the baby boomers as they retire," said Reginald Carter, president of the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM). "This is a huge issue."

HCAM represents 280 nursing

homes, and the current state budget deficit is hurting many of its members, Carter said.

"We're constantly fighting in Lansing to keep (legislators) from cutting 70 percent of the seniors' budget," said Kim Halahan, HCAM's vice president for legislative affairs.

When seniors are released from a hospital and enter a nursing facility, many have Medicare coverage for only 30 to 100 days. After that, the state kicks in funding.

"The state can't afford to pay for that," Halahan said.

The association has been looking at several options to counter the financial demand caused by the baby boomers, including raising taxes and offering programs to educate people on the need to save for nursing care.

"The past couple of years we have been trying to get legislators to pass tax incentives," Halahan said.

Carter said educating the public is important and would improve the situation. But he said most people don't want to

acknowledge the time in their lives when they'll need nursing care.

"The public knows so little and wishes to keep so little, and more and more families have to deal with this issue," Carter said.

Halahan also said it is tough to bring light to the association's issues in Lansing because of what it represents, especially when compared with education interests.

"We can't come into a budget meeting with residents," she said.

Personally, Carter said he believes the best solution is what he called controversial legislation that would require citizens to put money into an account that they can later use to pay medical bills.

"We need to prepare people to save for their future, we have to mandate it for them to save for

the long term," he said.

The "worship of the youth" in society is another reason Carter said public funds will be diverted from senior citizens to children.

"It's easier to prepare the future - kids - than taking care of the elderly."

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June 18 to be a special day in Crawford County

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The lady who has done so much for the library and the residents of Crawford County will finally get her day in the sun.

June 18, 2005 has officially become Leslie Devereaux Day in Crawford County.

From December 1999, when she offered to give \$500,000 for the construction of a new library for the residents would match that amount, until her most recent gift of \$15,000 with no strings attached, Leslie has had the interests of the residents at heart.

She offered the money for the construction of a new library because three generations of her family have loved this area. Her family also emphasized the importance of reading and education.

In a letter to the people of Crawford County in August, 2000, she said that reading was a big part of her recovery after she had been struck by a mysterious virus which caused her to lose the

use of her legs.

Everything she has donated to the Crawford County library system has been to honor her father's memory.

Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson thought it was time to honor Leslie. Bambi said, "Leslie is so sweet, so kind."

A proclamation was drawn up and sent to all of the governmental units in the county asking them for their support in naming June 18, 2005 Leslie Devereaux Day in Crawford County. All of them have responded favorably.

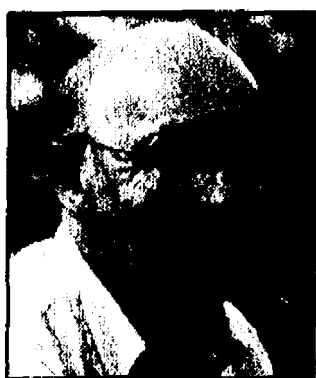
June 18 was selected because it is the day before Father's Day. Leslie frequently talks about her father and is so giving because of what her father taught her. Bambi said the day seemed the ideal time to honor Leslie and all she has done in her father's memory.

The open house on June 18 will give local residents a chance to renew their friendship with her or meet her for the first time.

There will also be a children's story read at the open house.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Potpourri: Campaign spending was outlandish

TIME TO CATCH our collective breath, and take a very infrequent stroll, barefoot among the 2004 campaign potpourri (in a column written before the polls open, but appearing in print only after the election)...

SPENDING RECORD – How much did all that television campaign advertising cost?

According to one report, about \$600 million, or three times the amount spent four years ago.

Sen. Kerry and the Democratic party laid out about \$250 million for TV time, and President Bush and the Republicans about \$240 million. Democratic sympathizers also had a spending edge: Liberal groups bought about \$70 million in airtime, and conservative groups spent about \$40 million.

That's a lot of money, but there was a

lot at stake. Somebody, somewhere, for some reason contributed every dollar, and it wasn't all in the pure spirit of good government.

As time passes, it will be interesting to try to follow the money, as the old saying goes.

INANE DEPTHS – Campaigning probably also set a new record in inanity.

Case in point: After the Boston Red Sox won the unexpected World Series, both presidential campaigns greedily grasped for any baseball coattails they could locate. Both candidates were pictured with Red Sox heroes.

Pitcher Curt Schilling even cut a telephone message for President Bush, claiming that because Red Sox fans had trusted him on the pitcher's mound in crucial games, as voters they "now can

trust me on this: President Bush is the right leader for the right time." That may be Curt Schilling's opinion, but what's the connection with presidential leadership?

The Kerry team decided to go negative, recalling that when Mr. Bush ran the Texas Rangers he voted against the wild card idea, which is how the Red Sox got in the playoff.

A spokesperson from the Kerry camp, David Wade, issued a statement: "When legions of Sox fans go to the polls on Tuesday, they'll remember that if George Bush had his way, the Red Sox wouldn't have ever won the World Series." Duh...

Both sides, grabbing for coattails, were grasping for straws. It was that kind of year.

SCHWARZ CHALLENGES –

Former Michigan State Sen. Joe Schwarz of Battle Creek won promotion to the U.S. Congress this week, but he faces some daunting and unusual challenges in his new job.

As a self-described moderate Republican, Joe Schwarz has never followed blindly where his party leaders are heading, and has never bought the party line just because it was the party line.

It's almost certain U.S. Rep. Schwarz sooner or later will cross swords with doctrinaire conservative leaders in the House, such as party strong man Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas. In Congress, the advice to all newcomers has always been "to get along, go along," but Joe Schwarz will have a tough time fitting that mold.

"What worries House Republicans," claims one Wall Street Journal writer, "is

that Mr. Schwarz is likely immediately to clash with his party's leadership and then head for the TV cameras."

The Journal article then quotes an unnamed former Schwarz legislative colleague: "He loves attention, is fairly liberal, and would be a magnate for TV producers."

How a maverick Schwarz will fare in advancing any particular personal legislative agenda is problematic in the highly structured atmosphere of the Congress. But it's a safe guess folks back in Michigan will hear plenty from and about Joe Schwarz, one way or another, once he gets to Congress.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

The grass really is greener on this side

To the editor:

As one of the "group" who began this crusade to get these oil and gas companies to operate according to the State rules and regulations, I have had a revelation.

I want to share some life saving revelations also, some things I didn't think would ever happen, ever.

My husband and I decided to travel West to find some place where we, especially I, could live healthily. Before we left Lewiston I had the usual symptoms when in Lewiston; swollen leg, thick green mucous coming from my sinuses, skin so sensitive my husband could barely touch me, joint pain, swollen and painful lymph glands in my neck and groin, threatening kidney problems, veins looking like they are going to pop thru my skin and rapid heart rate at certain times.

After a week of being out west, particularly Montana and

the mountains of Idaho, I felt better. There are no oil wells or facilities in the area, I checked the topographical maps. I woke up this morning and realized after a week that my leg and ankle was back to normal size, my skin felt great, my joints weren't sore, my sinuses were normal (and I stopped my steroids two days before after being on them for quite a while). My sight also improved and my breathing is normal. Is it a coincidence? I think not. I never, ever expected to feel better.

So, Michigan DEQ, you tell me and the people of Lewiston and surrounding areas that I'm nuts. Liquid Transport, Merit Energy - you tell me how legally you are running your facilities? Tell me! We know your tactics and they are abominable.

My quality of life (and others) is all that matters. My friends and family have different levels of not feeling well. What about them? I don't want to leave my

family and friends and my hometown of 22 years. Sadly, I have to come back to Lewiston to wait for my home to sell.

While I'm still there I will hound everyone of you - Oil, Gas and DEQ people. Mark my word... I am tired of the lies and run around. We have done our research. So you have my word, while I am in Lewiston, you will know me intimately.

I know my health can be better and maybe my health problems didn't have to happen and destroy my quality of life for me and my family and financial ruin. You must be so proud.

After all, the DEQ does have a letter from the doctor, any action on that yet? I will be surprised if there is. People of Lewiston, stand up for our town and get things run properly.

P.S. Hey, at least in this case the grass really is greener on this side.

Jaime Long Kurczewski
Lewiston/Montana

Do you know where your children are?

To the editor:

I was very disappointed by the remark Sheriff Kirk Wakefield made in the sheriff's report in last week's newspaper. There were 62 complaints during the week of October 18 - October 24. At the bottom of this article Kirk Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are?"

It bothers me that our sheriff would appear to be blaming all these, or most of these on the

youth of this town. In the report there is evidence of only one incident having to do with delinquent minors in the report. As a teenager I find this degrading and discriminating.

My mother knows where I am most of the time. On other occasions when she doesn't, she knows I am not out drinking or breaking into people's houses or causing disturbances. Not all children or teens do these things

and those who do cause these problems should not reflect back on the youth who don't. And it should not reflect on the parents who know where their children are.

It was not right for Sheriff Wakefield to throw the blame on the youth like he did.

Dee M. Galloway
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

School bus safety

Every day more than 20 million students nationwide use school buses to get to and from school. To ensure that our community is safe from tragedy this school year, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office recommends a number of safety precautions for both students and drivers.

"It is very important that parents reinforce the school bus safety rules their children learn at school," said Sheriff Wakefield. The Sheriff also suggests that parents drive their child's bus route with them and practice the proper safety precautions at home.

Parents should teach their children the following rules of school bus safety:

Always arrive at the bus stop early.

Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door opens, and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.

Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. If there are no sidewalks available, walk as far away from the road as possible.

Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.

Never walk behind the bus. If you are walking alongside the bus, walk at least three giant steps away.

Take extra care to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the handrail or door.

Never stop to pick something up that you have dropped when a bus is stopped. Wait until the

bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

Motorists:

Remember that children can be unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme care when traveling in a school zone and drive slowly.

Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.

Never pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing. This is a sign that children are getting off the bus.

If there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be alert to the possibility of children walking in the road or crossing the street.

Be aware of children playing near school bus stops.

Learn and obey the school bus laws in your county.

Before going south...

Michigan residents who leave for warmer climates during the winter should remember to renew their license plates and driver's licenses before hand, announced Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

Seasonal residents - commonly called "snowbirds" - should check the expiration dates of their driver's licenses and plates before leaving Michigan. That saves them the trouble of renewing while they are out of state, and helps to avoid possible late fees.

We're always looking for ways to serve customers with greater speed and convenience,"

Land said. "Early renewal options can help seasonal residents enjoy their trips to the fullest. With a little planning, travelers can take care of this important business before leaving home. Snowbirds should have but fun and sun on their minds when they reach their destinations."

Driver's licenses and license plates registered to an individual for certain vehicles can be renewed up to six months before expiration. Plates that can be renewed early are: Individually owned or leased vehicles. All pickup truck and van plates, regardless of vehicle weight.

Customers renewing plates six months early must do so at a Secretary of State branch office. They can however, take advantage of the Department of State's online plate renewal process up to 45 days before the expiration date if a Personal Identification Number (PIN) is assigned to the vehicle and shows on their license plate renewal notice.

The law does not allow motorcycle plates or company-owned passenger plates to be renewed early. For more information on renewal options and other services, visit the Secretary of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

ABWA sponsoring Christmas fundraiser

The American Business Women's Association of Grayling will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the Christmas season. Through November they will be accepting money, canned goods, and new packages of underclothing for the Legion Villa, a place for the homeless veteran to go, that is solely supported by private funding. Deadline to donate will be December 1 and donations will be transported on December 4. Donations may be left in drop boxes at Grayling Township Hall, Michelson Memorial Church and the Eagles Club. For pick-ups or more information call 348-5634 or 348-4361.

Local church hosts speaker, Rev. Vander Klok

The Resurrection Life Fellowship, Milltown Center Building, M-72, Grayling, is sponsoring guest speaker Rev. Dwayne Vander Klok, of Grandville, on Wednesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. Rev. Vander Klok and his wife began Walking by Faith Ministries in 1995 in order to provide practical, down-to-earth biblical truth through printed, audio and visual teachings from God's Word. Their TV program, *Walking By Faith*, is seen locally on WFQX, FoxTV-33 Cadillac, Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. Call 989-821-6722 or 989-821-8923 for more information. The public is welcome.

Sheriff to attend Lovells Twp. meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Lovells Township meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 7 p.m. Citizens with any questions or comments are welcome to attend. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards to answer questions.

GPA travelogue features India

The Grayling Promotional Associations Travel and Adventure series presents "India - Jungles and Wild Places" hosted by Harlan Johnson on November 4 at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. This presentation begins promptly at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and are available in advance by calling 348-7146 or at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Flowers by Josie and also sold at the door.

Int. speaker at Burning Bush Tabernacle

Evangelist Gil Howard-Browne will be holding meetings at the Burning Bush Tabernacle on Sunday, November 7 and 14, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on week nights November 8 through 12, at 7 p.m. Reverend Browne is an international speaker and recording artist. For more information contact Pastor Petrie at 348-1278. The public is welcome.

CWBorchers VFW Post 3736 to meet

The CWBorchers VFW Post 3736 will have their next meeting November 9, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion. The Veterans Day Program will be on November 11, at 11 a.m. at the American Legion. There will be a luncheon after the program and socializing time with old friends.

GHS Wrestling team is selling wreaths

The Grayling High School Wrestling team will be selling hand-made 16" and 18" balsam and cedar Christmas wreaths adorned with a red bow for \$16. The wreaths will be on display and selling during the annual downtown Christmas Walk on November 20. Advance orders are now being accepted, call 348-6191 or 348-8054.

The Upper AuSable Preservation Assoc. to meet

The Upper AuSable River Preservation Association will hold its regular Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, November 6, at 10 a.m. in the meeting hall at the Grayling Township Office Building. This meeting is open to association members, as well as all river property owners and other interested parties in the upper AuSable River watershed, downstream to the Mio Dam. Anyone interested in helping to preserve and protect the AuSable River and its tributaries is invited to attend and become involved.

Sweet Adelines to hold fall fundraiser

The Michigan Northern Lights Sweet Adelines International will be holding a dinner, silent auction and song at the Lakes of the North Clubhouse, 6330 Pineview Road, Mancelona, on November 6, at 6 p.m., by ticket only. No ticket sales at the door. Contact Lillian Paul at 732-2174 or Bethany Burghdorf at 732-3176 for more information. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of risers to use during performances and local community sing-outs.

Help center in need of winter jackets

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is collecting winter jackets in sizes toddler through adult for the "Coats for Kids" program. Coats and jackets must be clean, washable and in good repair. Call 348-6046 for more information.

Blood drive to be held in Frederic Township

The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Frederic Township Hall Annex on Thursday, November 4, noon to 5:45 p.m.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on Thursday, November 11, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. Public is welcome.

Michelson Singers present a concert

The Michelson Singers of Grayling will present a concert with a wide variety of music on Thursday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Admission is \$5.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for October 31 - of \$25 each: Pat Benardo, George Wolfe and Danelle Butzin.

Mercy Hospital offers health education opportunities

Mercy Hospital of Grayling is offering health education programs during the month of November:

CPR-Infant/Child (American Heart Association) - This course is designed for the general public and not intended for health care professionals. Cost is \$24. Pre-registration required. Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. To register, call (989) 348-0888. Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Nutrition Education - Meet with registered dietitian to discuss nutrition needs and healthy eating. Weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To register, call (989) 348-0380. Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Heart Health and Fitness Program/Exercise Class - Cost is \$4.50 per session. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, call for

times. To register, call (989) 348-0371. Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Free Sugar and Blood Pressure Screenings - (989) 348-0455. Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Support Groups:

Us Too Prostate Cancer Support Group - New support group for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones. Nov. 15, 7 - 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 348-6610. Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group - For individuals with Type 1 diabetes under the age of 25.

For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

Healthy Relationships: A Series for Women (989) 348-3169. Call for times & locations

Consumers Energy warns customers to watch for impostors

Recent incidents in Mecosta and Calhoun counties have prompted Consumers Energy to remind customers that it does not solicit door-to-door and that all Consumers Energy employees carry a company picture identification card and will show it when asked by a customer.

Recently, men posing as utility employees have gained access to homes by telling residents they were there to check the lights or voltage in the home. The individuals have then distracted the homeowners and stolen their purses and other valuables.

Every year, residents are victimized by unscrupulous con artists offering to perform various inspections or home services only to rob unsuspecting homeowners.

To help protect yourself and your home, Consumers Energy offers the following precautions:

If someone comes to your door when you have not requested a specific service, ask for company picture identification. In some cases, impostors may have official looking identification. If you have any doubt about the authenticity of a Consumers Energy employee call 800-477-5050 to verify employment. This customer service phone number is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Never open your door to a suspicious person.

Note the description of the

person(s) for police, but do so from a safe distance.

Get a description of any vehicles that were used; again, from a safe distance.

Do not give cash to anyone for work you have not requested.

Call your local police for assistance if you feel threatened.

Immediately report any suspicious activity to local police.

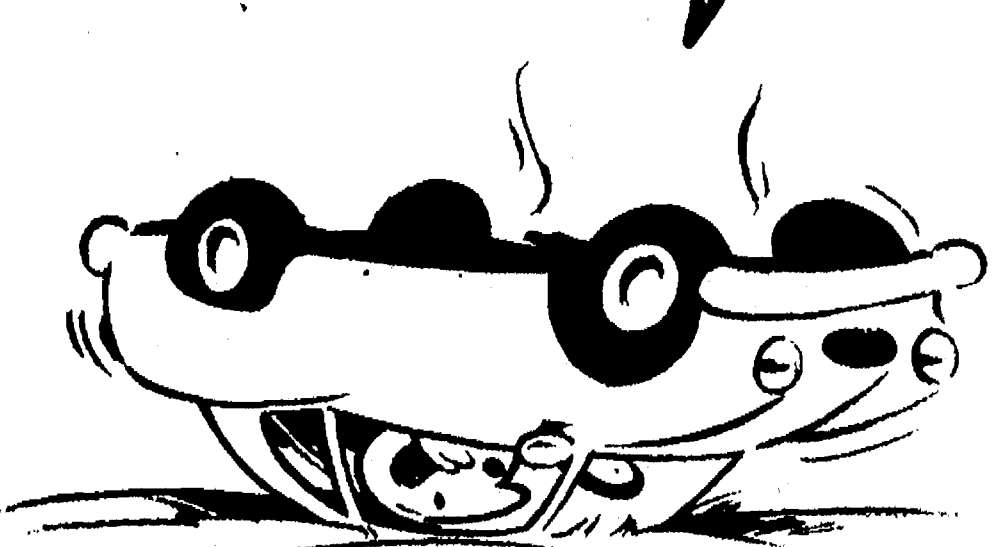
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The Bible Speaks

Life or Death

Nothing should be of more importance to us than that which deals with our life and death. Just as we share a common experience in life, we should share the same awareness that this earthly life will soon end. This truth was central in my mind as I was admitted for a second time to Mercy Hospital Saturday October 9th. Blood apparently from my broken ribs had been leaking into the cavity between my rib cage and lungs creating severe pain and shortness of breath. I realized I was facing a real life or death situation.

Immediately following the necessary tests to diagnose the problem the doctors and staff in ER began the painful procedure of draining 2 liters of blood and/or fluid through a tube in my side to correct the problem. Being conscious during the insertion of the tube was necessary, yet it was the closest feeling to death I have ever experienced. As I passed out, it would have been a joy to open my eyes in Heaven. But instead, I recovered consciousness with the awareness that most of the pain and pressure was gone.

This experience reminded me of why God has left me here on earth. For several days hundreds

of people had been going out of their way to help preserve my life and health. But my earthly years of life are very limited at best. I should be as concerned about the eternal souls of those who have cared for me, as they have been about my broken body. So I have tried in some frail way to share my faith with each of the doctors, nurses, and other staff members who helped save my life. I desire not only everyone who helped save my life, but everyone reading this article to know Jesus Christ as your personal savior also.

Most people live as though the only life they will ever have is on this earth. They seek to gain as much goods and pleasure as time and effort permit. They take great pains to care for the appearance and welfare of this earthly body, but give little thought for their eternal soul. As Jesus said in Matthew 16:26: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Your soul will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell. God loves you and wants you to have everlasting life with Him. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever-

lasting life." (John 3:16) Faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ is essential for the forgiveness of our sins. (Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22). Romans 5:8,9 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Eph 1:7 says, "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Do you know you are saved for all eternity? Jesus Christ is the only way, truth, and life to save us and unite us with our Heavenly Father. (John 14:6). What will you do with Jesus Christ? "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). You may never get another chance to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior before you face death. Won't you ask Jesus Christ right now to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart and life as your God and Savior? Pastor "B"

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Starr, DASHO engaged



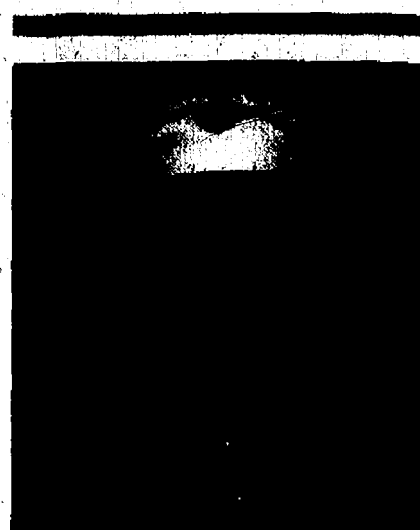
Cheryl and Greg Starr announces the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Starr to Jason Dasho, son of Cathy and Mark Kniss. An August 2005 wedding is planned.

Balmes, Saylor engaged



Jerry and Vivian Balmes of Grayling and John and Karen Saylor of Roscommon announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Balmes and John Saylor, Jr. A January 8 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Colorado after their honeymoon.

OBITUARIES



Joshua K. Halstead

Jun. 19, 1981 - Oct. 20, 2004

Cpl. Joshua K. Halstead, USMC, passed away on October 20, 2004, in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Josh was born on June 19, 1981 in Gaylord to Kim Joseph Halstead and Kimberly Ann (Ginther) Schuster. Josh lived in Grayling most of his life. He loved all kinds of fishing and hunting both with bow and arrow and rifle. Josh loved any outdoor activity and being outdoors.

He is survived by his: mother, Kimberly (Jerry) Schuster of Niagara, Wisconsin; father, Kim (Dawn) Halstead of Grayling; grandparents, Gary (June) Ginther of Grayling and Arlene Halstead of Grayling; sister, Alanda Evans; three brothers: Maxwell Furstenu, Kyle Halstead and Kevin Halstead; special friend, Cheryl Papendick; and niece, Zenna Evans.

Josh was preceded in death by his grandfather, Claude Halstead.

Funeral services were held on November 1, 2004 at the Grayling Free Methodist Church with pastor Ernie Wagner officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions to the "Toys for Tots" program.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Frank F. Gannia

Oct. 20, 1952 - Oct. 29, 2004

Frank F. Gannia, 52, passed away on October 29, 2004. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period November 4 - November 10, 2004.

The Range 40 complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: November 6 - 10.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. November 5 - 7.

ARF Range located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek. November 5 - 7.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. November 5 - 7.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 69 complaints the week of October 25 - October 31:

Six traffic accidents, one accidents-non traffic, one traffic safety-public appearance, three civil matter/family disputes, 11 suspicious situations, 15 general non-criminal, 11 false alarms, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, five larcenies, one larceny

from yards, one damage to property;

One sex offense/indecent exposure, one liquor law violations, six public peace/disorderly, one health and safety and one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

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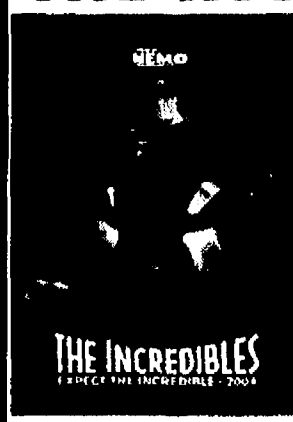


Grayling Elementary School students tromped through the streets downtown Friday during the annual Halloween Parade. Photo by Dan Sanderson

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Batway named GPA Member of the Year

It's that time of year when the members of the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) look amongst their fellow members to decide who will represent their organization as "Member of the Year." The choice becomes difficult because so many members step up to the plate to make GPA activities successful.

The GPA Member of the Year for 2004 is Carole Batway for her outstanding service and dedication to the Grayling Promotional Association.

Batway has been a member for many years. "She has worked hard during those years and has been nominated several times in the past," said Linda Golnick, 2003 GPA Member of the Year. "All GPA members agreed that this award is long overdue," said GPA President Betty Bennett.

Batway was described by fel-

low GPA members as "always very positive and volunteers on many GPA projects. You'll recall seeing her with a great cheerful smile on her face while working at events such as: the Christmas Walk, Breakfast with Santa, selling Shop Grayling First discount books, the craft show and of course the AuSable River Festival GPA food booth to name a few.

In fact, this member is the founder and coordinator to the food booth and even introduced the famous "Walking Taco" to our area. She is responsible for also introducing the caramel apple treat sold at the GPA Fall Craft Show.

She has been very instrumental in introducing successful fundraising ideas and rallying the members to the task."

Golnick presented the award to

Batway during the October Commerce Business After Grayling Regional Chamber of Hours.



The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) presented Carole Batway with their 2004 Member of the Year award at the October 28 Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, sponsored by GPA. Pictured from left: Carole Batway and GPA President Betty Bennett.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of October 24-31:

Five traffic warnings, two traffic accidents, one misdemeanor arrest, two private property damage accidents, one assault, four suspicious situations, five larcenies, two misdemeanor arrests, one misdemeanor cita-

tion, two fraudulent checks, one city ordinance violation, one disturbing the peace complaints, four juvenile complaints, two assist other departments, three alarms;

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Scouts travel back in time to the USS Silversides

We have all thought what it may be like to take a trip back in time to explore. Recently, Boy Scout Troop 995 of Grayling took that trip and ended up in World War II.

They traveled to the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum in Muskegon where they first explored the Coast Guard Cutter, USCGC McLane.

The scouts then visited the USS Silversides, a World War II submarine, where they received a full tour of the boat and then stayed overnight aboard the vessel exploring the past.

The galley is not in operation so the boys prepared breakfast on land then transported it to the Silversides where all of the food was lowered into the boat by a rope through the "Potato Hatch" just above the galley.

The USS Silversides was commissioned into the U.S. Navy on December 15, 1941 just eight days after the attack on Pearl



Troop 995 outside the USS Silversides: Front row (left to right) Matt Haight, Dylan Nye, Shawn Redmond, John Ventline, Storm Shriver, Josh Aimesbury, Corey Kiessel, Scott Wejrowski and Charter Rep. Dave Shriver. Back row: Scoutmaster Jim Pickell, Todd Nye Tom Pilon, James Haight, Nathan Pickell, Richard Haight, Nick Grougan, Alex Millar, Asst. Scoutmaster Scott Grougan, and Asst. Scoutmaster Brian Aimesbury.

Harbor. She left for the first of her 14 war patrols on April 30, 1942.

For outstanding and aggressive performance Silversides was

awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for four patrols, the highest award given to Navy ships, and 12 Combat Insignia Battle Stars for successful patrol runs.

Silversides was nicknamed the "Lucky Boat" because of her exceptional survival record. In honor of the one man lost in action aboard Silversides, a bronze plaque was placed on the deck to commemorate Mike Harbin, a Torpedo man Third Class, killed May 10, 1942 on Silversides' first war patrol.

Troop 995 left the Silversides and the McLane with a renewed appreciation for those who served our country in the past as well as those who continue to service our country today.

Troop 995 is gearing up for winter events such as the District Klondike and the overnight Polar Bear Campouts.

Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who would like to join the Boy Scouts, and join the adventure, should call Scoutmaster Jim Pickell at 348-2870.

BANK REPOSSESSED CARS TO BE SOLD DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC

Scheer Motors of Grayling is Selected to Dispose of Bank Repos And Other Used Vehicles for Only \$29 and Fees Then Start Making Payments*

Grayling, Michigan - Bank repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automobile industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by. Banks often unload these repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain seekers can take heart:

This week **A.C.E. of North America** has selected Scheer Motors of Grayling, Michigan to be the official disposal site for these incredible bargains. This Monday, November 1 through Saturday, November 6 Scheer Motors of Grayling, Michigan will have bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and will pass those savings on to their customers.

"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), factory auctions and other sources," Brad Scheer, owner of Scheer Motors said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available

for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's just that simple," said Scheer. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle." Almost every type and price range will be available, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Scheer said.

A.C.E. of North America has flown in extra financial staff from three states to assure Scheer Motors of Grayling customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Scheer said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2500 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain-hunters have been waiting for is here, Monday through Saturday in Grayling. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Scheer said.

After the mega-sale ends at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 6 Scheer Motors of Grayling will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-989-348-5451. Scheer Motors of Grayling is located at 829 I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, Michigan. The hours of this sale will be Monday through Thursday 9am-8pm; Fri 9-6 Sat 9-3

"We hope to see everyone there and ready to drive away with the deal of a lifetime," said Scheer.

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Secretary of State offices to close for Veterans Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday.

The Secretary of State's Office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesdays the majority of

offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close during lunch hour. Secretary of State PLUS offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Motorists renewing license plates can avoid the trip to a branch office by renewing by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:
Friday, November 5 - Lunch -

beef tips w/gravy and noodles, Green Bean Almandine, carrots, melon balls. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo, 5 p.m. Camp Shawono Spaghetti Dinner.

Sunday, November 7 - Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Western Omelet, hash browns, fruit and dessert bar, juice, coffee and milk. \$2.25 seniors and under 12, \$3.50 non-seniors.

Monday, November 8 - Lunch - Rib-let sandwich, Boston Baked Beans, cauliflower, mandarin oranges. Dinner - roast turkey, marshmallow sweet potatoes, green beans w/ corn, apple-sauce. 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

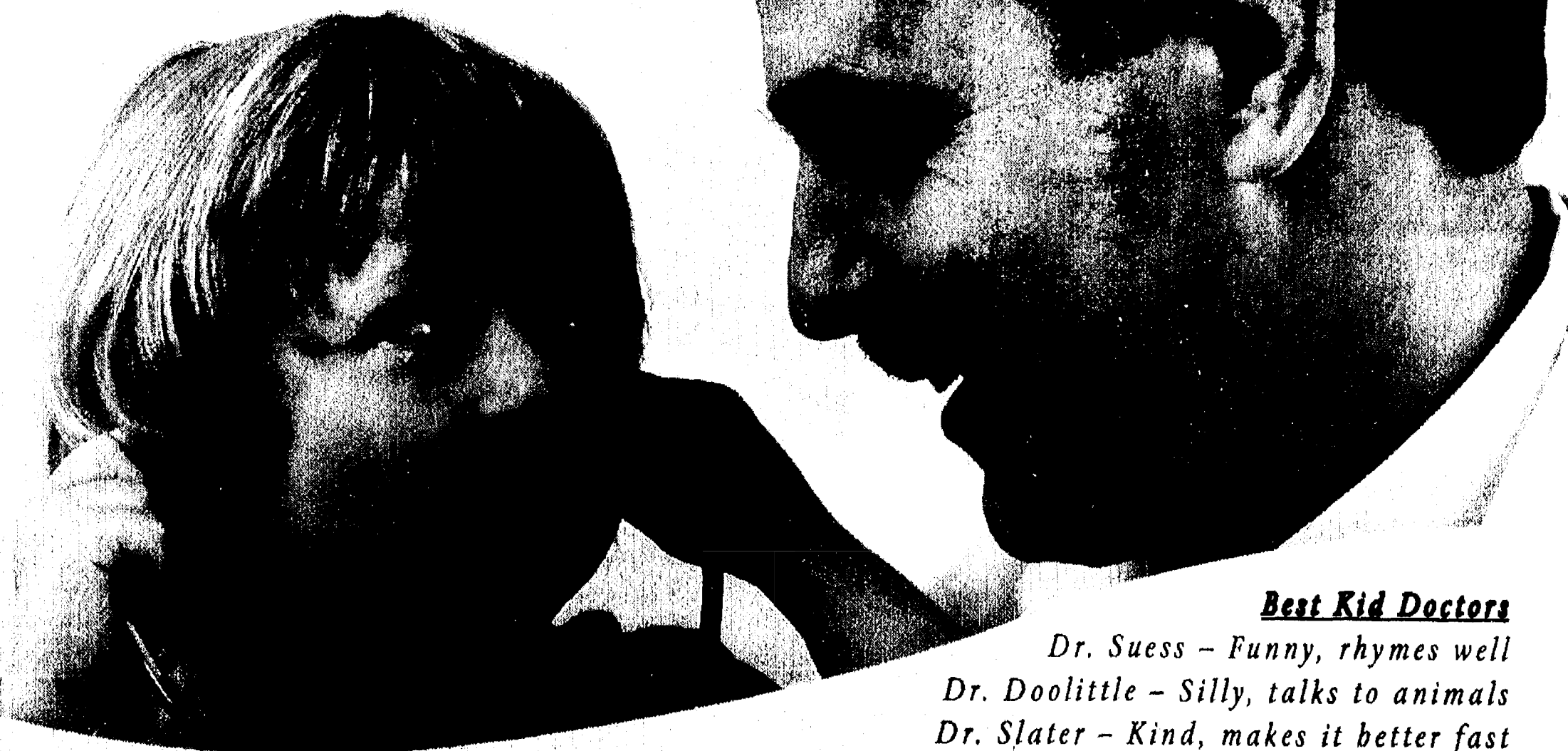
Tuesday, November 9 - Lunch - liver and onions, fried cabbage w/bacon, pears, Jell-O w/ pineapple. Dinner - vegetable beef stew, mixed fruit, pudding. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

Wednesday, November 10 - Lunch - Shepard's Pie, Broccoli Parmesan, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, pumpkin pie. Dinner - meat lasagna, Green Bean Parisienne, tossed salad, Jell-O fruit salad. 10:00 a.m. line dancing, 12:00 p.m. Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. Burger King bingo.

Thursday, November 11 - Lunch - sub sandwiches, cole slaw, vegetable salad, Waldorf Salad. Dinner - beef BBQ ribs, baked potato, Club Spinach, pears. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks, 5:15 p.m. speaker - Commission for the Blind, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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SPOOKTACULAR



Photo Courtesy of Crawford County Library
Over 300 youth attended the Spooktacular Magic Show where Gordon The Magician performed recently at the AuSable Primary School. The magic show was followed by the Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Friends of the Library and community volunteers as the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library continues to strive to serve as a wholesome place for family gatherings.



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Grant will help protect AuSable lands

Headwaters Conservancy has received a \$10,000 grant award from the Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundations to help protect private land along the AuSable River and in the surrounding region.

"The AuSable River is the pride and joy of so many northern Michigan enthusiasts. This generous grant award will help us increase awareness to land protection options and their financial, estate planning, conservation and other benefits. Our objective is to help private landowners in the AuSable River region preserve their land with permanent conservation easements," said Kirt Manecke, the Conservancy's Director of Development and Marketing.

Established in 1960, in addition to other areas of interest, the Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundations supports nature and the environment.

The AuSable River Watershed in northern Michigan is facing increased pressure from population growth. Within the six county region that encompasses the upper AuSable River Watershed, there was a 21.4% growth rate from 1990 to 2000. This compares to only a 6.9% growth rate for Michigan overall. In portions of the upper AuSable where population growth has not accelerated as dramatically, the pressure on natural resources has accelerated due to the proliferation of second homes and heavier recreational use.

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land conservancy. It allows a landowner to permanently protect land and limit future development in order to protect the conservation values of the land, while allowing the landowner to retain ownership and the ability to sell. Along with possibly reducing estate taxes, landowners who place a conservation easement on their property may receive an income tax deduction. A building envelope for a future home site(s) can be built into the conservation easement agreement as long as it does not disrupt the conservation values of the property.

Other activities such as hunting and sustainable forestry are often allowed within the terms of a conservation easement if the landowner desires. The Conservancy monitors conservation easements annually.

Land protected with a conservation easement remains private and not open for public access.

Based in Gaylord, Headwaters Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land conservancy established in 1993 to protect land in the 11-county region of northeast Lower Michigan. These counties include Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Roscommon, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle County. Over 3,507 acres are protected to date, with another 1,500 acres in process. Headwaters Land Conservancy works to conserve the "Up North" you enjoy by protecting open space, waterfront, wildlife habitat and farmland in Northeast Michigan. For more information, please call (989) 731-0573, e-mail headwaters@gtlakes.com or visit

www.headwatersconservancy.org.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The Crawford County Library system is getting into the Christmas spirit early this year. Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson along with Connie Beard, manager of The Copy Shop in Grayling, are collaborating on an one evening project for adults.

"The Month Before Christmas" workshop will teach adults of all ages how to create a family Christmas album, complete with a story, poem or activity to be read each day in December.

"I was introduced to this idea through some friends out west. It really gives the holiday a great feeling when you open the book each night and read an inspirational story with loved ones. It helps to nurture the spirit of love

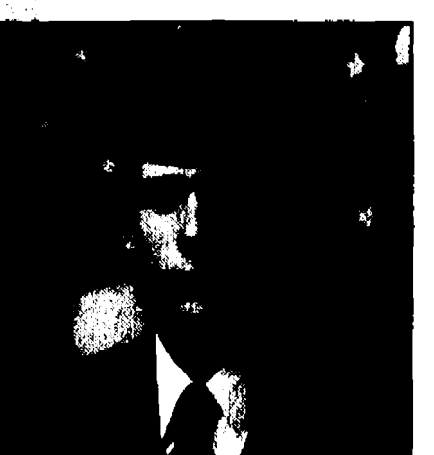
in any home," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

Stories, poems, recipes and more have been carefully gathered to reflect a variety of holiday traditions. "We have many stories to choose from, you can create a book that reflects your feelings about the holidays," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

The event will take place on Tuesday, November 16 at the Devereaux Memorial Library at 7 p.m. Space is limited to 15 people so sign up early.

All materials for the project will be supplied, however if you would like to purchase a special fabric to cover your book or would like to bring some from home you are encouraged to do so. Participants will leave that evening with their book complete, a family heirloom to be used for generations.

MILITARY NEWS



Andrew Lee Limmel
Airman Andrew Lee Limmel completed basic training on

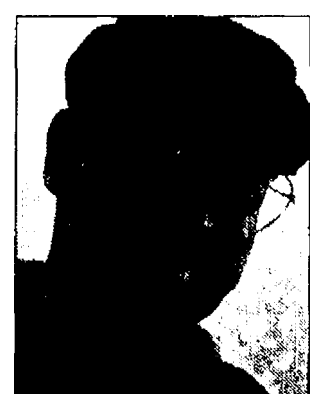
August 20, 2004. His graduation took place at the Lackland Air Force Base in Lackland, Texas. Limmel received training in the 320 Training Squadron with the 702 Flight. Limmel is presently at the Goodfellow Air Force Base for fire fighting training.

In December he will be graduating at Good Fellow Air Force Base and reassigned to Germany.

Limmel is a 2004 Grayling High School graduate. He is the son of Edward and Lori Limmel.

A Cure For The Wintertime Blues

By Ernie Harwell



We're getting into the time of year when the weather is less than perfect. The warm, dry days of summer will give way to rain, snow and ice. And in Michigan we can get all three in one day.

Now we can't just hibernate until springtime. And that means we have to be prepared to go out in whatever Mother Nature throws at us. And even though I'm fortunate enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will, too:

enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will, too:

* Dress for the weather. A coat, gloves, scarf, hat and boots will protect you from the wet and the cold.

* Drive even more carefully; if it's raining or snowing the best thing to do is slow down, give yourself more room between you and the car in front of you. And always wear a seat belt no matter what time of year.

* Stay active. Walk around the mall or jog in place at home.

* Eat healthy foods and drink enough water. In winter, we tend to drink less water than in summer, but it's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter.

Before you know it, spring will be back, and you'll still be in shape.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, 'The voice of the Detroit Tigers' for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Open house highlights surgical careers

GAYLORD - Students who have an interest in working in a field related to surgery are invited to an open house co-sponsored by Baker College and Otsego Memorial Hospital, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, November 6, 2004, in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH).

"There are a tremendous number of career opportunities in healthcare," said Donna Wrubel, OMH Human Resources Coordinator. "We are hosting this event to encourage the youth of the community to come and

learn about becoming a surgical technologist and to announce the new training program that Baker College has available through the University Center - Gaylord."

Certified surgical technologists (CST) work under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. They work under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure that the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions

that maximize patient safety.

Under the supervision of the surgeon, CSTs may also be involved in holding retractors or instruments, sponging or suctioning the operative site, or cutting suture material. They may also be involved in preparing and applying sterile and non-sterile dressings. After surgery, they may prepare the operating room for the next patient.

"It's exciting to have so many healthcare training programs being offered locally," Wrubel said. "We're proud to partner

with Baker College to launch this program and to make area students aware of the options they have for advanced education and career opportunities so close to home."

For information about the Surgical Technologist Open House, contact Wrubel at (989) 731-7903. Participants are requested to park in the southwest employee parking lot at the Hospital and enter through the door marked "classroom" off the North Street sidewalk near McReynolds Hall.



Certified Surgical Technologists have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of surgical patients every day. At Otsego Memorial Hospital and throughout the country CSTs provide valuable support to surgeons and nurses during surgical procedures. Baker College is introducing a new training program in Gaylord for surgical technologists. Area students can learn more about the program at an open house at OMH from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, November 6.

Trudgeon named as new team member at Spicer Group

Spicer Group welcomes Ray Trudgeon to its St. John's office. Trudgeon recently joined Spicer's Governmental Services Group as a design engineer. He received his bachelor's degree in

civil engineering from Michigan Technological University. Trudgeon is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Trudgeon is a 2000 Grayling High School graduate.

Spicer Group is a full-service consulting firm founded in 1944, offering engineering, surveying, and planning services. Corporate headquarters is located in Saginaw with additional offices

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Fine dining available in South Branch Township

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The restaurant at Forest Dunes golf course opened a few weeks ago and already some of Chef Kurt Goddard's old customers have followed him to the restaurant.

Goddard, a Grayling native, graduated from Grayling High School in 1992. Before being hired as chef at Forest Dunes, Goddard had several years experience working in area restaurants.

His first professional experience was at the Blue Goose Restaurant in Gaylord where he worked as a pastry chef, and "learned a ton." He also spent three and one-half years working as an assistant pastry chef in Vail, Colorado. When he moved back to this area, he was hired as the chef at the 5th Street Grill in Roscommon.

Goddard said that about 99.5 percent of everything offered at the restaurant is made from scratch.

He begins working in the kitchen about 5 a.m. to make fresh bread for dinner. He said it takes about five hours from the time he starts until the fresh loaves are out of the oven. Once the bread dough is rising, he begins work on the desserts, followed by soups and sauces.

By then, he and his sous-chef, Jerry Respecki, begin working on the orders the diners have placed. Goddard calls Respecki, who has worked with him for about two and one-half years, his "right-hand man."



Chef Kurt Goddard is busy slicing up fresh vegetables for one of his "home-made" soups. He has spent the last few years finding suppliers to provide the freshest ingredients for his meals.

Right now, the formal dining room, which can accommodate about 80 people comfortably, is the only one open.

There are two additional dining areas. The casual bar and grill, to the right of the dining room, will have a more casual menu, although any meal offered on the fine dining area will be able to be ordered.

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All three dining areas will be open daily beginning in April 2005, with the start of the golf season. They all face the lake and greens of the golf course, which along with the decor help provide a "beautiful ambience" for diners.

This winter, Goddard is offering five entrees plus a special. There are three appetizers, two salads and three desserts to choose from also.

Reservations are strongly recommended, and anyone with

special requests should talk to the chef ahead of time so meals can be appropriately prepared.

Although the restaurant is only open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., it is available for special parties. For wedding receptions, Goddard will even make the wedding cake.

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this award is a well-respected and highly valued employee of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Henry is employed in the custodial section

of the Facility Engineering Division. As a result of this recognition, he was presented an inscribed clock/plaque, awarded the Michigan Legion of Merit

medal and given a Camp Grayling 90th Anniversary commemorative coin by Col. Dennis D. Hull, Camp Grayling Commander.



Mr. Sam Henry (with his wife, Linda) was presented with the Camp Grayling State Employee of the Year Award by Col. Dennis D. Hull, Commander.

Real estate business moves home

by Susan Warrington
 Staff Writer

Century 21 has moved home. It started out at 5688 M-72 West 26 years ago, but moved six years ago to 2375 South I-75 BL (next to K-Mart) for one reason - better parking.

The business has grown so much in the last few years that they have outgrown the building

on I-75. Owner Randy Thompson, who still owned the original location, decided to move home again but keep the new location as well.

The original building has been under renovation since this summer and a new parking lot has been created at the back of the M-72 West location. The move has been an on-going process for

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Riverhouse introduces advisory board



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Heating prices to soar, state and utilities warn

by Zachary M. Peterson
Capital News Service

As temperatures fall, the cost of home heating will rise, according to the state Public Service Commission (PSC).

"The average household will see an increase of \$18 to \$20 a month in heating costs," said Judy Palnau, public information officer for the commission.

The commission points to higher fuel prices and forecasts for colder weather. Last winter was warmer than normal so consumption of heat was down, its biannual Michigan Energy Appraisal said.

Most households-80 percent-in Michigan are heated with natural gas. Natural gas expenditures are predicted to increase between 14 and 17 percent due to spikes in consumption and fuel prices for customers of the state's four largest utilities: Consumers Energy, Michigan Consolidated Gas (MichCon), SEMCo Energy and Aquila Networks-MGU.

Scott Simons, a public information officer for MichCon in Detroit, said that consumers will experience a 19-percent rise in rates this winter.

The PSC and MichCon define the winter heating season differently, which accounts for their different price estimates. The PSC defines the season as November to March, while MichCon defines it as December to March.

"We do everything we can to keep prices down for our 1.2 million customers," Simons said. For example, "we store large quantities of natural gas, so we can take advantage of seasonal pricing."

CCCC HELP Center provides Christmas help for local families

The Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center will again be providing Christmas help for any family from Crawford County who needs it. This project will be running December 13 through 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HELP Center, 300 Huron Street. All recipients should sign up as soon as possible.

The HELP Center will be coordinating families for the "Adopt-A-Family" program. If your family, workplace, club or class would like to provide a Christmas for a family call 348-6046.

The center will be serving clients by referral from all agencies, churches, individuals and walk-ins. Gift certificates for Christmas dinner fixings, toys from "Toys for Tots" collections, oranges, candy, hats, mittens and socks will be given out.

Other programs that the center will be sponsoring this year are: "Toys For Tots," with Marianne

Mary Gust, public information director for Consumers Energy in Saginaw, said that her company's residential monthly bills will go up an estimated \$15 to \$20.

"Consumers Energy offers customers a bill analyzer on our Web site that helps explain to people why their bill has gone up or down," Gust added.

The PSC report recommends ways to keep heating costs down, including annual furnace inspections and lowering thermostats at night.

However, people may still have a difficult time paying their bills. Those with metered power have state-mandated shutoff protection. That means it is illegal for the utilities to shut off service during the winter for failure to pay their bills.

Yet 14 percent of Michigan households that use propane or other deliverable fuels don't have such protection.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reports that propane, which is used mostly in rural areas, is expected to rise in price by \$249 per average household. Costs are estimated at \$1,396 for the 2004-2005 heating season compared to \$1,147 in 2003-2004. Concerns about the crude oil supply and the high demand for natural gas are cited as reasons for the expected 22-percent price hike.

"There is no shutoff protection for the rest of the people," said Tom Mathieu, executive director of the Michigan Community Action Agency Association in Lansing.

The association allocates fuel assistance funds to 30 agencies serving every county. This year, the PSC gave the association a \$2.5 million grant for such assistance. The funds will be distributed based on population.

"This is a double-barreled problem," Mathieu said. "There are increases in cost coupled with limited funds to help."

Mary Trucks, executive director of FiveCAP Inc. in Scottville, said she expects people who use deliverable fuels to have a harder time this winter than last.

"These fuels are unregulated and the state has turned its back on poor people in rural areas, who depend on deliverable fuels for heat," Trucks said. "Last year we spent over \$100,000 to help and could have used more money."

FiveCAP is a service agency that provides public and private resources for low income people in Mason, Newaygo, Manistee and Lake counties.

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Schools hold mock election

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Grayling Elementary and Middle School students participated in a mock election October 27. Grayling High School ran their mock election on November 2.

Before election day, students had been given the general facts about the various candidates, both strengths and weaknesses, and were encouraged to form their own opinion based on the facts.

Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier, prepared the ballot to include presidential and legislative candidates, as well as the Crawford County Police Protection Proposal. She then put her team of officials together and conducted the election.

The process was approached and handled to feel authentic. Each student registered to vote and after voting, placed their vote in the appropriate grade level precinct container.

The ballots were counted and the results were tabulated.

At Grayling Elementary, George W. Bush got 230 votes, and presidential candidate John Kerry got 147; for the 106th Michigan House of Representatives seat - Matt Gillard 195, Richard Fortier 150. The Police Protection proposal passed 301 to 65.

At the middle school, the election was organized by 8th grade social studies teacher Joell Gabriel. In the presidential race, George W. Bush got 308 votes, and John Kerry got 80; for the U.S. Congressional District 1 - Don Hooper 105, Bart Stupak 70; For the 106th Michigan House of Representatives seat Matthew Gillard 193, Richard Fortier 168. The Police Protection proposal failed with 233 voting no to 171 yes.

The high school mock election was organized by government teacher Darrin Hawes. In the presidential race George W. Bush got 310 votes and John Kerry got 170, with Ralph Nader collecting 69 votes. State Ballot Proposal 1, concerning the lottery, passed by a vote of 297 yes

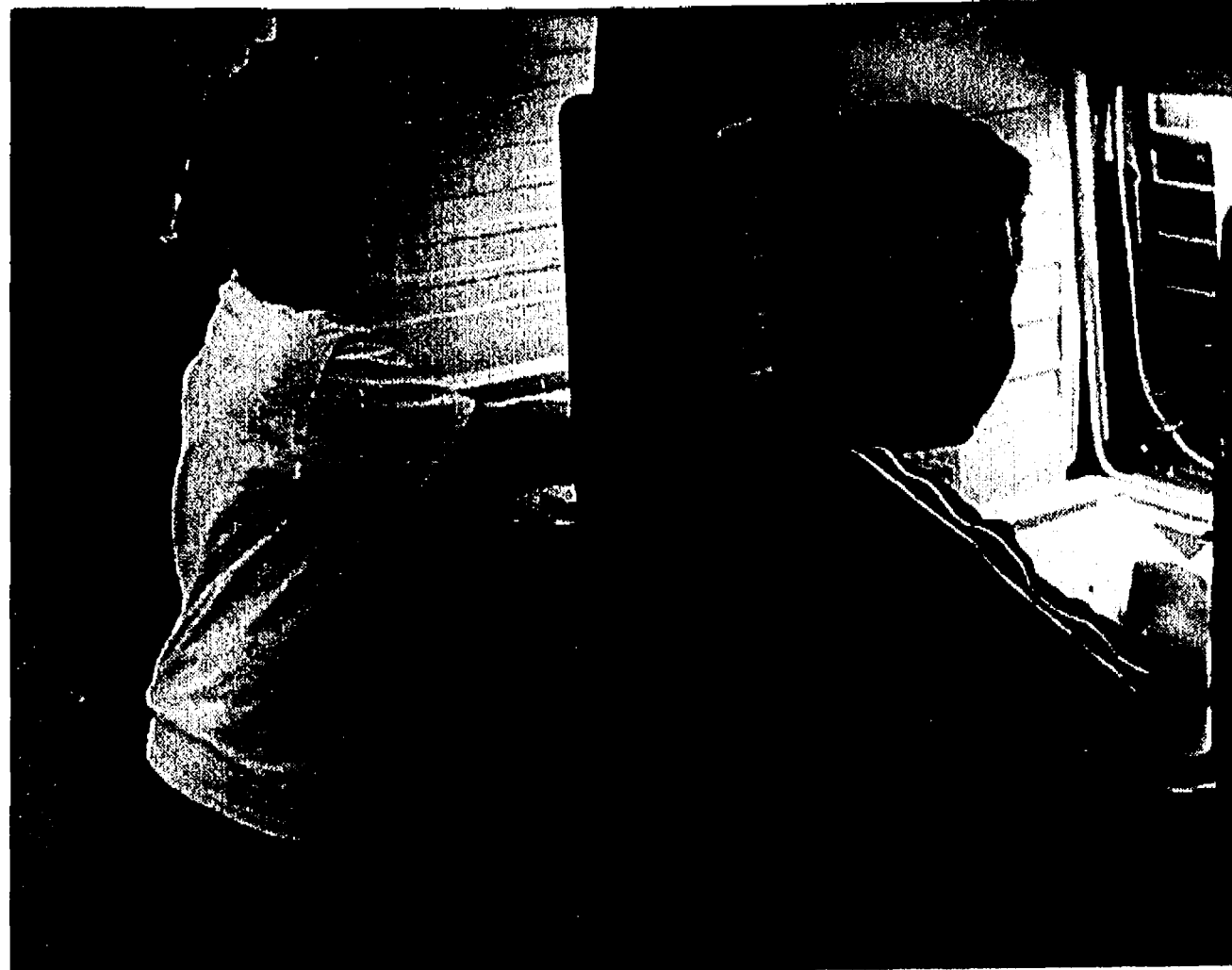


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Fourth-graders Steven Eckstorm, Jake Morse and Mason Krey participated in the mock election held at Grayling Elementary School October 27.

to 241 no. State Ballot Proposal 2, dealing with marriage, failed by a vote of 261 yes to 262 no. The local Police Protection proposal failed getting only 163 yes; to 287 no votes.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

THE ACHILLES

The Achilles tendon is the body's strongest tendon. This thick, cord-like structure inserts into the back of the heel bone. It is prone to injury because of the weight-bearing and extreme stress it handles each day. Tendonitis, an inflammation of the Achilles, is the most common injury, triggering a burning pain or tenderness about two inches above the heel bone. Because the Achilles has a relatively poor blood supply, these injuries take longer to heal. Taking action early, when pain begins, can help prevent a chronic problem. Reducing activity and icing the area can help relieve pain and inflammation. Achilles injuries are often the result of overtraining, improper training, inflexible calf muscles, or biomechanical abnormalities.

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Schools explore healthy food options

by Amanda Wrenn
Capital News Service

LANSING - More than 15 percent of the nation's children are obese and as many as 30 percent who aren't currently overweight are at risk of becoming so. And if the epidemic continues, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predict that half of the nation's schoolchildren will be obese by 2030.

Blame falls on several sources including soda pop, junk food, television, video and computer games, schools and parents.

While the causes seem endless, Michigan school officials, doctors and legislators scramble

for solutions.

Often attacked for contributing to childhood obesity patterns, some public schools have revamped their cafeteria menus and vending machines to offer healthier choices.

For example, Superintendent David Casey of the Buchanan Public Schools said that while the number of obese children in his district isn't different from other Michigan districts, the school board has discussed obesity and is aware of the problem, especially in food service.

The district hired a dietician to help plan nutritious cafeteria meals and added more low-fat snacks to vending machines.

The district also offers physical education programs in grades kindergarten through 12.

Sturgis Public Schools have taken a similar approach, said Superintendent Rob Olsen.

Besides improving the nutrition of cafeteria breakfast and lunches, the district made its physical education programs more aggressive by including more aerobics, more gym classes in the middle schools and infusing the classes with information about nutrition, Olsen said.

However, Olsen said he thinks the obesity problem stems primarily from what parents are or aren't doing. "The core problem is what's happening at home. Schools should do what they can but parents should do things like play sports and go for bike rides on a regular basis. Children are becoming couch potatoes too early."

Although Sturgis hasn't hired a dietician or nutritionist or removed soda machines, the salad bar and milk machines are popular in all grades, Olsen said.

"We want to give everyone choices—there's no reason to ban certain foods completely."

Despite recent changes in some cafeteria menus, Dr. Douglas Henry, a pediatric endocrinologist at Sparrow Children's Regional Center in Lansing, said schools don't do enough to monitor cafeteria food.

"Schools are preparing kids for the MEAP test and careers but doing little to improve nutrition," he said. "Schools feed kids carnival food—the nutrition they teach isn't enforced in the cafeteria."

Henry said the rise in childhood obesity stems from genet-

ics, environment and family lifestyles.

He added that obese children share bad eating habits. "Children eat more than they need and are less active than they should be. Children don't know how to eat until they're satisfied so they'll eat until they're stuffed."

Childhood obesity has health repercussions including diabetes, sleep apnea, high cholesterol and even vitamin D deficiency from too much soda pop, Henry said. Because children usually don't talk to their parents or doctors about obesity, the problem may go untreated, and many children may not outlive their parents.

Childhood obesity impacts not only health, but school performance as well, according to a Michigan Association of School Boards study. Children with unhealthy diets have lower math scores, repeat more grades, visit psychologists more often and have trouble getting along with others, compared to healthy children.

Earlier this year, Sen. Virgo Bernero, D-Lansing, proposed limiting the amount of junk food in schools and extending the sales tax to soda pop. The bills also would require one milk machine for every soda machine in schools.

What is often referred to as the "junk-food tax" bill has yet to be passed but the senator is optimistic said Randy Hannan, Bernero's policy director.

"All is not lost," Hannan said. "We were promised a hearing on the bills this fall by the Senate floor leader. At this stage, anything is possible."

Bernero will continue to push the bills and reintroduce them in January if necessary, he added.

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Study to tackle Michigan cougar mystery

by Marc R. Rehmann
Capital News Service

LANSING — The mystery of whether cougars live in the state may soon be solved.

Steve Yanchow, the chief of natural resources at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and wildlife biologist Jerry Belant of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore are teaming up for a 12-month study.

"We don't have a lot of solid evidence right now," Yanchow said.

The study is expected to begin in November at Sleeping Bear Dunes on the Leelanau Peninsula.

"We want to use a multi-approach method," Belant said. "We'll attempt to get snags of hair from cougars and also use camera stations. Our goal is to prove that, in fact, Michigan has cougars."

Cougar sightings have been reported in the Sleeping Bear Dunes area for years, but empirical confirmation hasn't been available.

"Two weeks ago, a visitor called the Leelanau County sheriff's office saying a cougar was trying to get into their tent," Yanchow said. "But we found out that it was just a raccoon."

Dennis Fijalkowski, executive director of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy in Bath, questions why the research program is even taking place.

"They know cougars are there," Fijalkowski said. "And cougars aren't just near the Sleeping Bear Dunes, but all over the state."

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has no proof to support Fijalkowski's position.

"We're open to the possibility, that there may be individual cougars residing in Michigan," said Brad Wurfel, the public information officer for the DNR. "The idea intrigues us and the possibility is something that we hold out with open arms."

Jackie Bird, an associate biology professor at Northern Michigan University, has seen no evidence of cougars in the Upper Peninsula.

"Nothing has been turned into me as of today," Bird said. "Certainly I've heard about scat and prints, but unlike wolves, we haven't received physical evidence."

Fijalkowski says sightings occur in both rural and urban populated areas.

For example, because of a reported sighting earlier this month, officials at Elwell Elementary School, in Sumpter Township near Belleville, put students on lockdown.

"I received a phone call from a parent that lives approximately one-quarter of a mile from the school," said principal Karen Mida. "Safety was the first thing that came to my mind."

After contacting the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, Mida received about 500 fliers on cougars to pass along to concerned parents and community members.

"They were extremely informative on how to deal with the situation," Mida said. "The Department of Natural Resources is in denial."

The DNR sent representatives to the area to investigate the report.

"When we sent our conservation officer out, a bit of rain had touched the ground," Wurfel said. "Sumpter Township then got its photos back and it was pretty certain that it was a dog track."

Fijalkowski believes that the DNR didn't respond fast enough, and that's why he was called to answer questions.

"They showed up five days

after the incident," Fijalkowski said. "The school couldn't get any help from the DNR and children couldn't go out for recess. The department calls them house cats, like the sightings in Monroe County, but that isn't true."

The Eastern Cougar Network, which tracks cougars in the eastern part of North America, says the shift of the cougar population moving eastward across the country may be why more sightings occur each year.

Starting in 2003 the statewide concern prompted the conservancy to attend the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers conventions to train members on how to deal with cougars.

"At this time we're out investigating reports, too," said Walt Rodabaugh, Lapeer County's chief animal control officer. "We've been receiving about 10 to 12 calls a year."

According to the conservancy, recent sightings of cougars have occurred in Alcona, Berrien, Cheboygan, Montmorency and Roscommon counties.

There has never been a recorded incident of a cougar attacking humans in Michigan.

"We follow up with reports whenever they're viable," Wurfel said. "The DNR would probably be more excited than just about anyone to find a cougar population breeding in Michigan."

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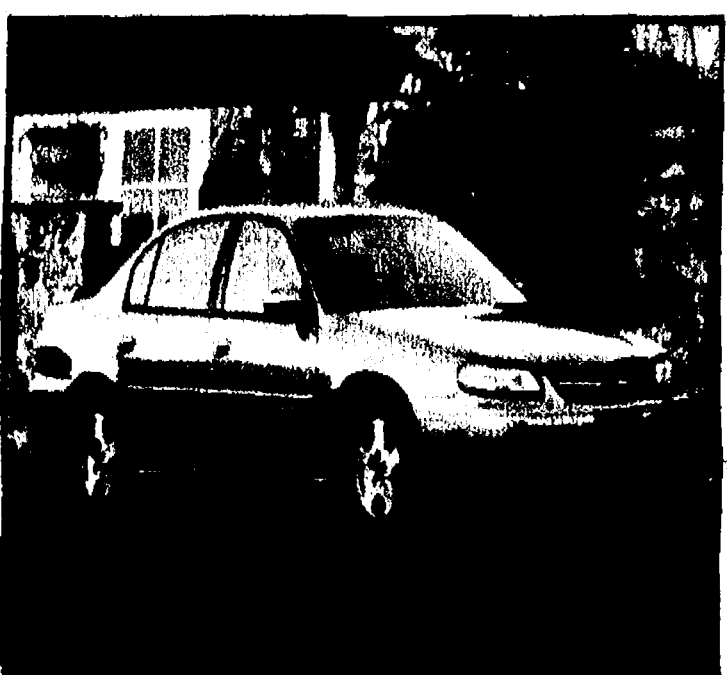
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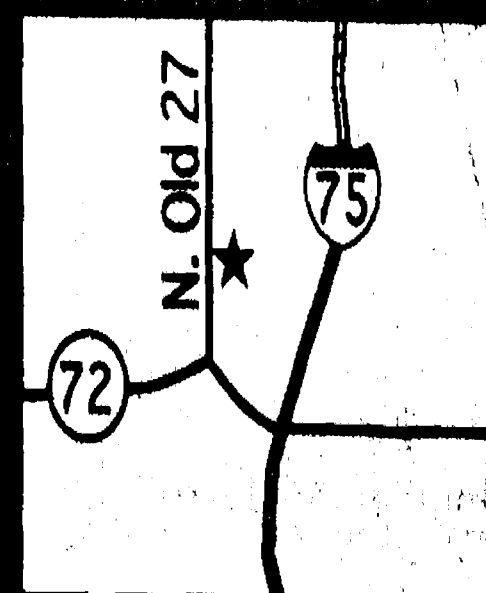
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by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's football season came to an end last week with a 33-21 loss to the Mason County Central Spartans in round one of the MHSAA play-offs on Friday. The game was played at GHS, the school's first ever home play-off football game.

Grayling led 21-7 until the final minute of the second quarter, and had a 21-13 advantage at halftime. The Spartans scored 26 unanswered points in the last 25 minutes of regulation to win the game.

The Vikings got on the board first by taking advantage of an early turnover by Mason County Central. Grayling received the opening kick-off but punted after three plays. The Vikings forced a fumble on the punt return and Gibson Tobin recovered the ball for GHS.

The Vikings started at Mason County Central's 25-yard line. On first down, Joey Baneroff ran for 22 yards, bringing up 1st and goal at the 3-yard line. On 2nd and goal at the 1, Bobby Starks scored on a quarterback sneak up the middle. With the extra point kick by James Haven, Grayling led 7-0.

After the TD, GHS tried an on-side kick. Mason County Central recovered. The Spartans

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Photo by Caleb Casey

The Vikings line up for a play on offense vs. the Mason County Central Spartans on Friday night at Grayling High School.

Marching band performs at play-off game



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling High School's marching band performs at halftime of last Friday's play-off football game between Grayling and Mason County Central at GHS. MCC's band joined Grayling's band for portions of the halftime show and pre-game routine. It was the final halftime show for the Vikings this year.

2004 baseball team moves into record book

■ **Squad is .399 batting average is 4th best in MI high school history**

The 2004 Grayling High School baseball team recently moved into the record books officially with its team batting average for last spring's season.

The Vikings posted the fourth highest team batting average in Michigan high school history in 2004 with a mark of .399.

The team was led by D.J. Metzger (.525), Greg Morrill (.505), Gibson Tobin (.479), Lee Schreiber (.444), Joe Lange (.435), Andy Strohpaal (.417), and Roy Czapek (.400).

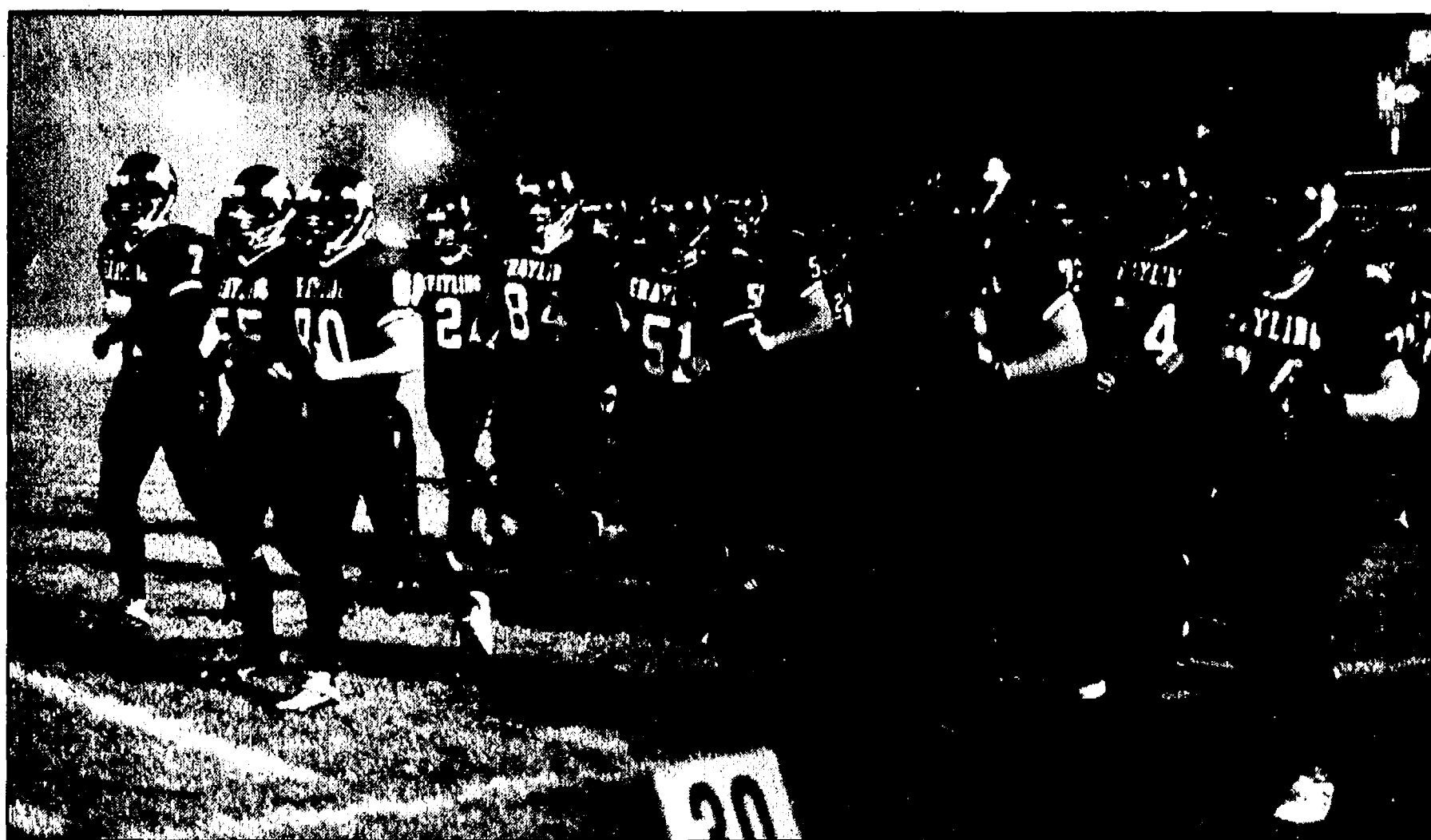
The Vikings were coached by Bob Gorski (head coach) and John Schneider (hitting coach) in 2004. They finished the year with a record of 14-8.

"The kids bought into (the) hitting philosophy, which made us successful," Schneider said. "It was a great opportunity working with Bob. He is a tremendous pitching coach and taught me and the kids a lot these past two years."

Schneider's JV team posted a 12-4 record with a team batting average of .412 in 2004.

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See "BASEBALL TEAM..."



The Vikings flock to the sideline area during the pre-game program on Friday night at Viking Stadium.

Season ends with play-off loss

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finished a four-play, 47-yard drive with a 21-yard touchdown run, followed by an extra point kick, to tie the score at 7-7.

Grayling answered with a 13-play, 70-yard scoring drive. The Vikings, starting at their own 30, picked up a first down with runs by Bancroft and Kevin LaTreille. Two more runs by Bancroft gained 24 yards and another first down. Two runs by Bancroft brought up 1st and 10 at MCC's 25-yard line. Two more runs by Bancroft and a QB sneak by Starks picked up enough yardage for another first down. Two runs by Bancroft gained 13 and brought up 1st and goal at the 1-yard line. Bancroft scored the TD on the next play and Haven kicked the extra point to give GHS a 14-7 advantage with 2:46 left in the first quarter.

Grayling's kick-off went out of bounds at midfield. Mason County Central's drive stalled following a QB sack by Eli VanNuck and a chop block penalty on the Spartans. MCC punted.

The Vikings started at their own 10-yard line following the kick. On the third play of the series, Starks handed off to Bancroft, who gave the ball to Tobin on a reverse. Tobin threw deep to VanNuck, who caught the pass for a 42-yard gain. Three runs by Bancroft picked up a first down. Runs by Bancroft and LaTreille and a pass from Starks to Zach Dean brought up 1st and goal at the 5. LaTreille finished the drive with a 1-yard TD run on 3rd and goal. Haven kicked the extra point. Grayling led 21-7 with 6:59 remaining in the first half.

GHS tried an on-side kick and MCC recovered. Three plays later, on 4th and 5, the Spartans converted with a fake punt run. Grayling's defense held for the next four plays to force a turnover on downs.

Grayling started at its own 30 with about 2:10 left in the half. On 2nd and 9, Starks connected with VanNuck on a deep route but the play was called back due to a holding penalty. Grayling punted on 4th and 5 after two pass plays failed to convert.

Mason County Central started at its 45 with 1:07 remaining in the first half. A completed pass and a quarterback scramble gained enough for a first down. On 2nd and 10 from Grayling's 40-yard line, MCC completed a deep pass for a touchdown. The extra point kick was wide right. GHS led 21-13.

After the kick-off, Grayling knelt to kill the final seconds of the second quarter.

Grayling's on-side kick to open the second half rolled dead at midfield. Mason County Central punted after three plays.

On Grayling's second play of the resulting series, MCC intercepted a GHS pass. The Spartans ran three plays and punted. Grayling did the same.

The Spartans drove 65 yards on seven plays and finished the possession with a 7-yard touchdown run. MCC went for two



Photos by Caleb Casey

Joey Bancroft carries the ball for Grayling in Friday's play-off game against Mason County Central.

points on the conversion try, but the run was stopped short by Grayling. The Vikings led 21-19 with 3:41 left in the third quarter. Grayling's next drive ended on its fifth play with an interception by MCC.

The Spartans took advantage of the turnover with an eight-play, 63-yard touchdown drive. A 2-yard TD run on 3rd and goal capped the series. MCC scored the two-point conversion with a pass play. Mason County Central led 27-21 with 10:02 left in regulation.

A QB sack on 3rd and 9 forced Grayling to punt. MCC punted on its resulting possession.

The Vikings started at their 25-yard line. A holding penalty on MCC moved Grayling 10 yards. A deep pass from Starks to VanNuck, plus two penalties (5-yard face mask and unsportsmanlike conduct) on Mason County Central, brought up 1st and 10 at the 14-yard line of MCC. Incomplete passes on second, third, and fourth downs resulted in a turnover on downs.

Mason County Central started at its 13-yard line. Two runs picked up a first down. The Spartans broke free for a 76-yard touchdown run on the next play to take a 33-21 lead with 2:27 left in the game.

Grayling started at its own 17 following a holding penalty on

the kick return. A QB sack on 2nd and 5 resulted in a loss of 10. On 4th and 11, a deep pass by Grayling fell incomplete, ending the series.

MCC knelt to kill the final 49 seconds and won the game by a final score of 33-21.

Offensive leaders for Grayling were: VanNuck, 5 catches, 100 yards receiving; Bancroft, 25 carries, 111 yards rushing, 1 TD; LaTreille, 10 carries, 35 yards rushing, 1 TD.

Defensive leaders for the Vikings were: Matt Swope, 10 tackles; LaTreille, 9 tackles; Matt Larson, 7 tackles; Tim Umlor, 7 tackles; Zac Baker, 5 tackles.

"We had a great first half effort but that did not carry over into the second half. We made too many mistakes to beat an athletic MCC team. Their kids played tough until the end and we did not. The good news is that these mistakes are correctable and we will eliminate them in future play-off games," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Seniors like Travis Brush, Matt Swope, Gibson Tobin, Kevin LaTreille, Tim Umlor, and Trevor Clough will be missed greatly. They put a lot of work into the program and have built a foundation for the future success of Grayling football. It's all about the kids putting in the time



and this group of seniors really did and I am very thankful for it," Coach Brock said.

"We'll be back. Winning breeds winning and that is what will keep happening. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of something great," Coach Brock said.

Grayling finished the 2004 season with an 8-2 overall record.

Heads Up North

Vikings of the Week

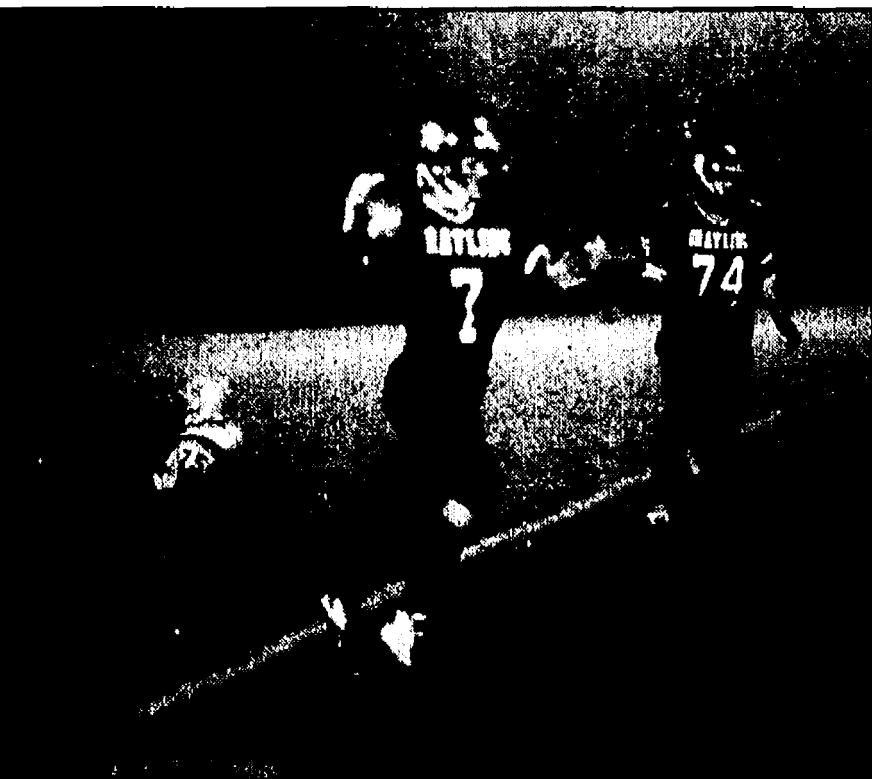



Eli VanNuck Joey Bancroft

Varsity Football
Coach: Ben Brock

ELI VANNUCK & JOEY BANCROFT

Eli had 5 catches for 100 yards in Friday's play-off game. Joey rushed for 111 yards on 25 carries with 1 TD on Friday. "(Eli) ended the season with 700 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns... with a broken hand. (Joey) ended the season with 1,230 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns," their coach said.



Quarterback Bobby Starks looks downfield for an open receiver.



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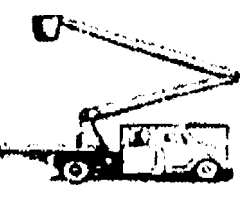
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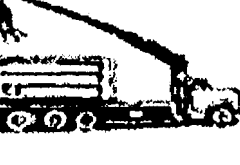
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Charlevoix wins freshman, JV games



Tiffany Davis handles the ball for Grayling in last Tuesday's freshman girls basketball game vs. Charlevoix. The Rayders won the contest 59-21.



Jessica Bobenmoyer takes an inside shot for Grayling in Tuesday night's junior varsity girls basketball game vs. the Charlevoix Rayders. Charlevoix won the match 65-33. Bobenmoyer was the leading scorer for GHS with 12 points. "The score was 22-32 the first half. We played well the first three quarters. Charlevoix is a strong team and the girls played hard. This game showed how much the girls have improved from the beginning of the season," Coach Kelly McCoy said.

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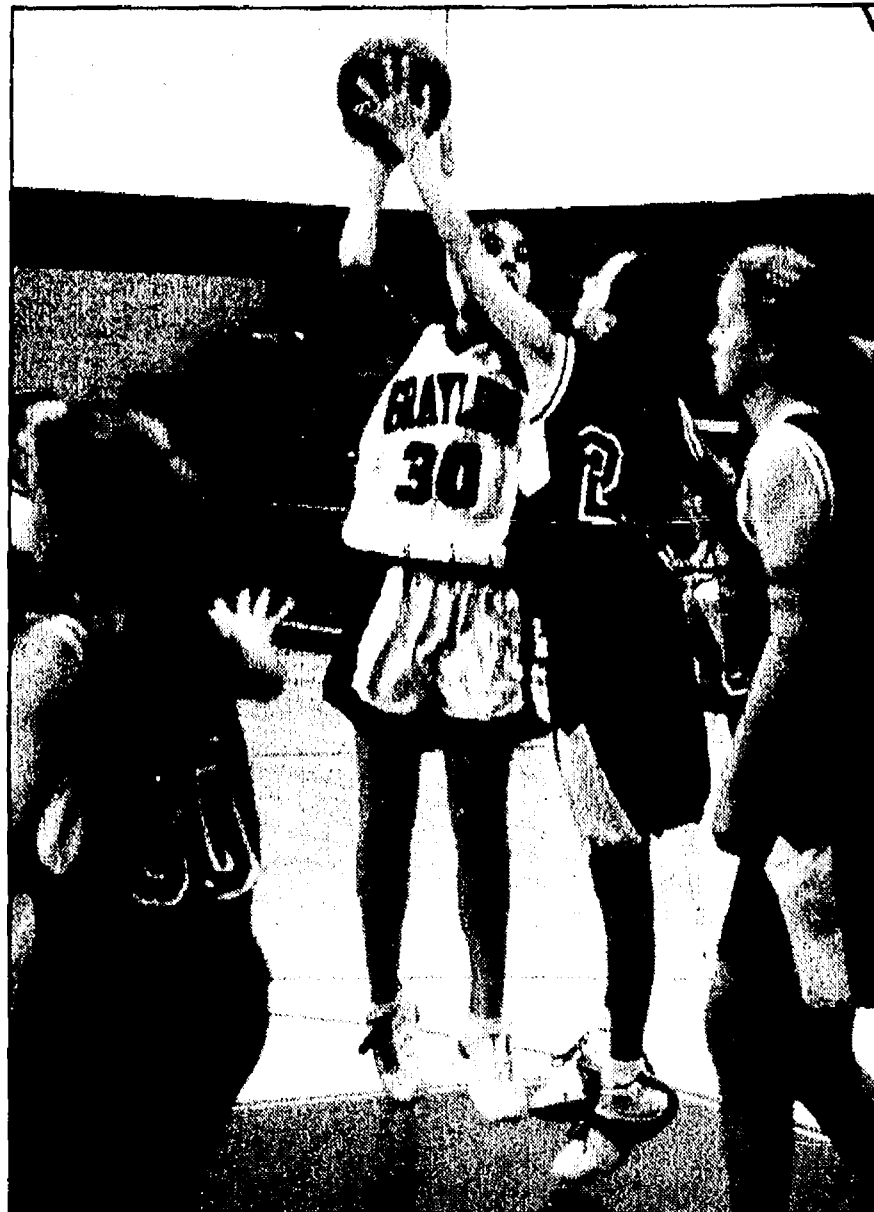
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Monica Leslie takes a jump shot for Grayling in last week's JV game against the Rayders.



Kelly Lange handles the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night.

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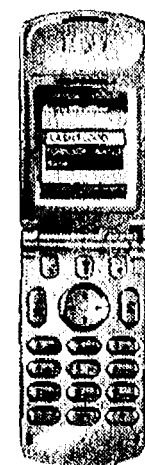
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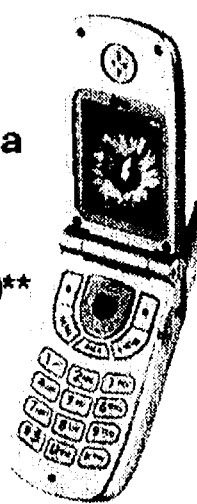
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2004 baseball team moves into record book

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Gorski played baseball at Michigan State University and in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Schneider, a catcher, was an all-conference player and team captain at Ferris State University.

"Next year's seniors have learned that in order to be a winner, you must perform the little things that make a group of players a team. Twenty-six sacrifices along with 18 bunt singles contributed to the team's outstanding hitting season," Schneider said.

BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's League

Gray-Rock Cafe	33 - 16
Canfield's Snowplowing	33 - 16
GADCO	32 - 17
Fenton's Auto	22 - 27
McLeans ACE	21 - 28
A.E.I.	20 - 15
Scheer Motors	12 - 37
Moore's Automotive	16 - 33
High Series: L. Davis, 661; D. Canfield, 652; T. Kotrash, 592.	
High Game: L. Davis, 246; D. Canfield, 222; M. Smith, 215.	

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie	22 - 10
Stitches By Sue	19 - 13
Spike's Keg O' Nails	16 - 16
Grayling Pharmacy	16 - 16
Bear's Den Pizza	16 - 16
Kicking Grass	14 - 18
Sylvesters Sports	13 - 19
Lone Pine Restaurant	12 - 20
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 580; L. Crampton, 559; O. Brantley, 499.	
High Game Men: L. Crampton, 236; P. Faustman, 227; K. Harris, 211.	
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 509; C. Clark, 494; M. Rysso, 487.	
High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 190; C. Clark, 188; M. Rysso, 187.	

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM.	22 - 10
Moshier Auto Repair	22 - 10
Double Trouble	19 - 13
American Legion	18 - 14
Strike "Four"ee	15 - 17
4.F.I.	15 - 17
New Guys and Gals	9 - 3
Bye	1 - 15
High Series Men: R. Trudeau, 568; S. Miller, 560; D. Wallace, 539.	
High Game Men: R. Moshier, 226; R. Trudeau, 212; D. Wallace, 211.	
High Series Women: S. France, 537; K. Moshier, 43; K. Trudeau, 461.	
High Game Women: S. France, 204; K. Trudeau, 174; S. Johnson, M. Moshier and K. Moshier, 170.	

Pioneer League

Grayling Chiro.Clinic	20 - 8
South Side River Rd	17 - 11
Grayling Restaurant	15 - 13
AJD Forest Products	14 - 14
Chemical Bank	14 - 14
Custom Interior	12 - 16
Rochette's	11 - 17
McDonald's	8 - 20
High Series: T. Parker, 549; N. Trudeau, 505; N. Glasslee, 491.	
High Game: T. Parker, 203; N. Glasslee, 201; N. Trudeau, 194.	

Northwood League

Carey & Jaskowski	22 - 10
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POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	51
Growlers Pub	42
Holiday Inn	44
Legion	40
Sawmill III	38
Sawmill I	37
8 Ball Run on the break, Johanna (Legion), 5 Ball Run, Sis (Frederic Inn), Jeannie (Sawmill I), Patsey and Lachelle (Holiday Inn), 6 Ball Run, Sandy (Holiday Inn).	

Men's Standings

Legion	27
Two Track Inn #1	35
Two Track Inn #2	12
Growlers Pub	23
Frederic Inn	28
Riverside	17
Sawmill #1	36
Sawmill #2	17
Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run, Scott (Growlers), Dan B. (Sawmill #1), Mike (Two Track Inn), Won all six, Jim & Tommy (Legion), 8 Ball Break, Bob C. (Growlers).	

Choppers Sports	20 - 12
Great Lk Mortgage	18 - 14
Hals Masonry	17 - 15
USA Trailer	16 - 16
Bud Lite Bats	16 - 16
Warbler Chicks	14 - 18
Chaos	3 - 29
High Series: J. Harris, 507; D. Argue, 493; T. Hellebuyck, 480.	
High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 191; D. Argue, 180 and 178.	

Recreation League

Gr. Nursing Center	24.5 - 7.5
Hawk Ridge Golf	19.5 - 12.5
Glen's Market	18 - 14
American Legion	17 - 15
Woody Girls	13 - 19
Peterson Saw Service	13 - 19
Mickey Perez CPA	12 - 20
Coldwell Banker	11 - 21
High Series: S. Johnson, 514; N. Glasslee, 482; B. Wheeler, 466.	
High Game: S. Johnson, 201; D. Anderson and N. Glasslee, 188.	



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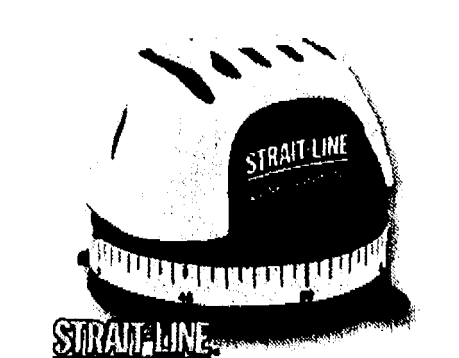
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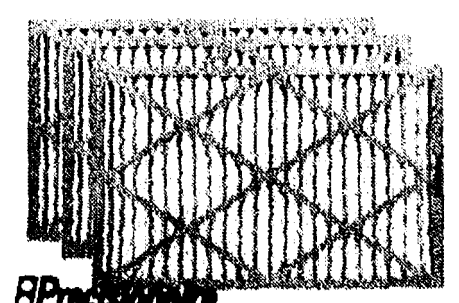
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GMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

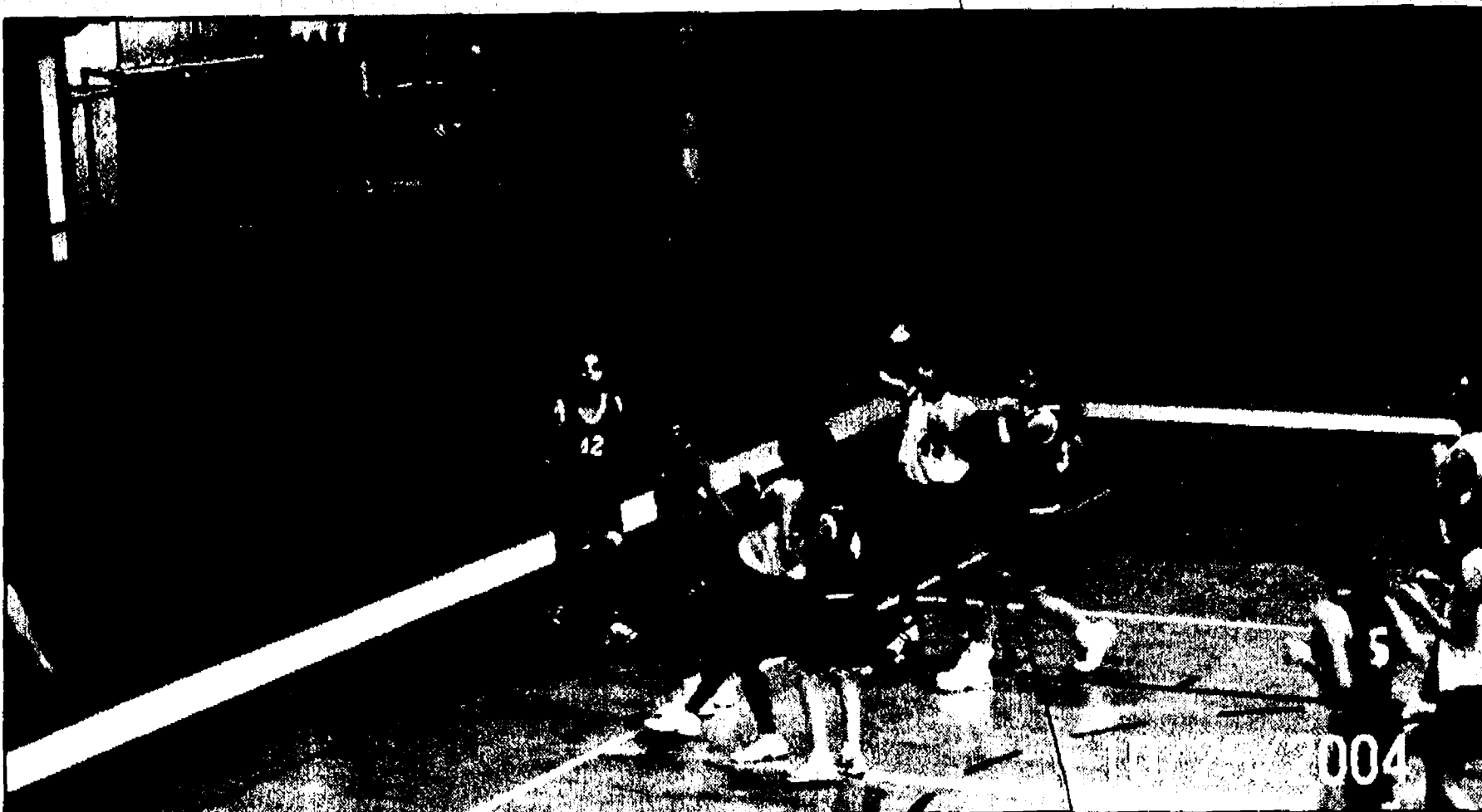
7th grade team

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade girls basketball team ended its 2004 season with a

20-18 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights on October 25.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Jeni

Bindschattel, 9 points; Jennifer Deaton, 5 points; Ashley Feldhauser, 4 points; Laura Brackenbury, 2 points.



The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team plays in its season finale on October 25.

Week #8 Winning Games

1. Dallas (40)	6. Kansas City	11. San Diego
2. Buffalo	7. Philadelphia	12. Pittsburgh
3. Tennessee	8. NY Giants	13. Oklahoma
4. Green Bay	9. Seattle (40)	14. U of M (82)
5. Cincinnati	10. Atlanta	

WEEKLY PRIZES
 1st - Scheer Motors
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2004-2005 FOOTBALL CONTEST

1. Washington vs. Detroit

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2. Arizona vs. Miami

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WEEK #9

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Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____	

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____ Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 _____ Tiebreaker 3 Game #14 _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is played. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner.
 (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 480, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prize at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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GRA FLAG FOOTBALL

The Grayling Recreation Authority youth flag football league recently finished its 2004 season. On Thursday night, the Colts and Browns tied 6-6. In the

second game of the night, the Lions beat the Bears 25-7.

Final Standings

Team	W/L/T
Lions	5-0-1

Browns 3-1-2
Colts 1-4-1
Bears 1-5-0

Volunteer coaches for the league included Arnold Randall

Jr., Scott Nicholas, Dave Shriver, and Gary Beckwith.

For more pictures and information, visit GRA's website: www.hansonhills.org



GRA flag football

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Daniel Niederer and Bonnie Niederer, his wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2003 and recorded June 13, 2003 in Liber 638, Page 541, Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ten Cents (\$104,358.10) including interest 8.18% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00 A.M. on **Wednesday, December 1, 2004.** Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to-wit: West 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 110,

Crawford County Records.

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel Niederer and Bonnie Niederer, his wife, by Warranty Deed dated February 13, 1991, of record in Liber 307, Page 568, in the Crawford County, Michigan Register of Deeds. Commonly known as 505 Lake St., Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: OCTOBER 28, 2004 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 04-29153 ASAP616616 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 87TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FIRST NATIONAL ACCEPTANCE CO.,

Case No. 04-2536-SP1

Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF ALAN E. TROSELL, AND ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND ASSIGNS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE LEGALLY INCOMPETENT TO ACT ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AND HAVING AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY C/K/A 10818 DUPREY, ROSCOMMON, MI 48653, AND OCCUPANT.

Sotiroff & Abramczyk, P.C.
By: Keith A. Sotiroff (P42904)
Attorney for Plaintiff
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
248 642-6000

ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105 (I) PERMITTING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION UNDER MCR 2.106 UPON ESTATE OF ALAN E. TROSELL AND OCCUPANT AND ORDERING SAID DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER.

At a session of said Court, held in the Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, on: October 6, 2004

Present: HON: Hunter, District Court Judge

Plaintiff having filed its Summons and Complaint after land contract forfeiture and having filed herewith its Motion under MCR 2.105(I) for an Order Permitting Service of Process by Publication under MCR 2.106 and for an Order to Answer, and the Court otherwise being fully advised in the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service of process of this Order and Summons and Complaint heretofore filed, may be made upon said Defendants by publication of a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in circulation in Crawford County, Michigan, and by sending a copy of this Order to said Defendants at 10818 Duprey, Roscommon, MI 48653, and to John M. E. Trosell, at P.O. Box 123, Roscommon, MI 48653, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

-21-28-4

seventy five and 49/100 Dollars (\$44,475.49), including interest at 9.125% per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 A.M. on November 24, 2004.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 3, OF ROFFEE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 21, 2004

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC TRUST 2001-2
Assignee of Mortgage

-21-28-4-11

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH P DEAN AND MICHELLE Y DEAN HUSBAND, AND WIFE to MORTGAGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2000, and recorded on September 27, 2000 in Liber 518 on Page 511, in CRAWFORD county records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, ACTING SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR EQCC TRUST 2001-2 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty four thousand four hundred

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

Detroit Legal News, 1409 Allen Road, Suite B, Troy, MI 48063-4003; Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties-Phone (248) 577-6100

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Claudine K. Stocker, a married woman, of Crawford County, Michigan to LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, dated the 7th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State

of Michigan on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1999, in Liber 476 of Crawford County Records, page 352, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 25th day of March, A.D. 2004, assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments and recorded on April 5, 2004 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 667 for said County of Crawford Records, on page 144, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,618.61 (Twenty seven thousand Six hundred eighteen dollars and Sixty one cents) including interest there on at 10.99% (Ten point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, A.D. 2004, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to-wit:

The South 1/2 of East 1/2 of West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 15, 2004
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#03483017

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Mortgage Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHELLE SIVRAIS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, Lender is OLENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, known as MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2000, and re-recorded on September 23, 2004, in Liber 671 on Page 627, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-four thousand nine hundred and 95/100 Dollars (\$64,900.95), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 A.M. on November 17, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as LOTS 28 AND 29 CREEKVIEW NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 23, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 14, 2004
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY

Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701

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NOTICE

Beaver Creek Township is accepting sealed bids for snow plowing for the 2004-05 season. Plowing to be done at the following locations:

1. Township Offices and Community Center to be plowed by 8:00 A.M. after snowfall of 3" or more.
2. Transfer Site on Merrio Road to be plowed prior to be being opened at 8:00 A.M. Saturdays and 1:00 P.M. on Sundays.

Submit bids to Beaver Creek Township, 8888 S. Grayling Road Grayling, MI 49738 on or before 2:00 P.M. Monday November 8, 2004. Beaver Creek Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please submit bids based on a per plow rate. Proof of insurance is required. Questions, please call Township offices at 989-275-8878

Lee Riley, Supervisor

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

(DATE OF NOTICE) 10-24-04

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: Grayling Housing Commission

ADDRESS: 308 Lawndale Drive
Grayling, MI 49738

PHONE NUMBER: (989) 348-9314

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

The (RE) is giving notice that it has made a Finding of No Significant Impact for the following project.

PROJECT TITLE OR NAME: MI 047-001-004

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Mixed

LOCATION OF PROJECT: 308 Lawndale Drive

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$185,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE: Hud Capital Funds

PROJECT SUMMARY: roofing, fans in kitchen and bath, cabinet, screens and GFI replacement

An environmental assessment for this project has been made by the (RE) and is available for public examination and copying on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at NAME AND ADDRESS OF (RE) OFFICE WHERE ERR CAN BE EXAMINED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE THE ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. Based on this assessment the (RE) has determined that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and, hence, an environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L.91-910).

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the (RE DESIGNATED OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO COMMENTS). Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before (IF NOTICE PUBLISHED-NOTICE DATE PLUS FIFTEEN DAYS-IF NOTICE POSTED; POSTING DATE PLUS EIGHTEEN DAYS). All such comments received will be considered, and the (RE) will not take any administrative action on the project prior to the expiration of the comment period.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

2005 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

FEES ARE \$15.00 FOR

MALE AND FEMALE ANIMALS

\$8.00 FOR SPAYED OR NEUTERED ANIMALS

You must have proof of spaying or neutering and proof of a valid Rabies vaccination in order to purchase a dog license.

If the Rabies shot becomes void within 30 days you cannot purchase a license. If the Rabies vaccination becomes void during the year the license is no longer valid.

Dog licenses may be purchased beginning November 1st from the following locations:

Beaver Creek Township Hall
Frederic Township Hall
Lovells Township Hall
Maple Forest Treasurer
South Branch Township Hall
Crawford County Treasurer's Office
Grayling Hospital for Animals
Roscommon Veterinary Office
Crawford County Animal Shelter
Crawford County Animal Control Officer

After March 1st licenses will only be available from the Crawford County Treasurer and the Crawford County Animal Control Officer. Beginning March 1 all license fees will be \$25.00. Licenses may be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurer's Office only. You must send the proof of a valid Rabies shot and proof of neutering or spaying along with a check or money order.

Send to:

Crawford County Treasurer's Office
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer
(989) 344-3231

Gail Foguth
Crawford County
Animal Control
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BIDS WANTED

The Huron-Manistee National Forests will be offering for sale by SEALED BID various vehicles. These items are located at the Supervisor's Office, 1755 S. Mitchell Street Cadillac, MI. Inspection Times are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday November 15, thru Friday November 19, 2004. Bid packages are available and can be picked up at your local Forest Service Office. For more information please contact Joe McMillan or Joni Strzelecki at (231) 775-2421.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A public hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on November 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #04-8: Robert & Marilyn McClain, owners
McClain & Son Construction, Inc., petitioner
040-41-008-04-200-00
T26N,R3W, Sec. 8.
4232 Coldsprings
NRD Zone.

A request to construct a 24' by 36' attached garage, and to enclosed a 9' by 10' open area on the front of an existing home in the Natural River District. The nearest point of new construction to the mainstream of the AuSable River is 120', which includes a 20' rise in bank. The variance requested is 80'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Comments regarding this request may be made in person at the public hearing or signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright
Zoning Administrator

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
November 5, 1981

George Spencer, local Kiwanian, was presented the "Flowers to the Living" Award by the Grayling Kiwanis Club on October 26, 1981. "Flowers to the Living" is given to a Kiwanian in recognition of his outstanding work not only in Kiwanis but to his vocation and to his community involvement. Spencer received his plaque from master of ceremonies, Bob Bovee.

The Concerned Citizens of Crawford County - an education group claiming more than 215 members - have vowed to campaign against the December 10th millage election request and future additional requests until all students in the district receive a good quality education. The group will oppose the millage request because they question the school district's handling of finances. Clem Sajdak, President of C.C.C.C., says although the old Frederic school district pays about \$1,195,000 in taxes, school administrators didn't have \$23,000 to keep the Frederic elementary school open.

Legal water levels may be set for Salling Lake as part of a process to pay for repairs for Salling Dam. A petition is being distributed to property owners around Salling Lake - actually backwaters of the AuSable River behind Salling Dam - to request the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to set legal water

levels for Salling Lake. Once legal levels have been established a special assessment district can be formed to pay for repairs and maintenance to the dam.

46 Years Ago
November 6, 1958

A gala round of events lasting over one month are being planned by the Grayling merchants for a pre-Christmas promotion this year following the laying out of a program by the Retail Round Table Association last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ludeman held open house Tuesday afternoon last week to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Most of the neighborhood folks stopped in to call and wish them many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wakeley had a 7lb. 2 oz. daughter, Denanna Joyce, born on November 2.

Tryouts for the Senior Play, "The Night of January 16," have been completed. This play is a thrilling courtroom trial. In the cast of characters are the following students: Curt Haas, Jim Kessler, Bill Weaver, Joe Rozeneck, Larry LaGrow, Kay Warner, Christine Lutz, Maryda Stillwagon, Clara Wolcott, Ilona Hausmann, Kay Tinker, Marlene Yoder, Sandra Kolka, Diane Siewert and Tony Maurer. Robert Bovee is the play director. Tickets have been priced at 65¢ for adults and 35¢ for students.

A party for the women golfers was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. Roy Milnes. The occasion was a potluck dinner at which awards for the season's play were presented. To Mrs. B. E. Henig went the Laura Olson Handicap award, which is a silver cup. Mrs. Roy Milnes was given an award as runner up in this handicap. Mrs. Don Gothro won first prize and Patsy Wiseman the runner-up prize in the consolation tournament. Mrs. Dale Pettengill was awarded the low ringer prize.

A record number of voters went to the polls in Crawford County for an off year election and over 1,700 balloted. In the 1956 Presidential election nearly 2,000 went to the polls. Both of the referendums to set up a sinking fund to build a new County jail and to raise taxes by a mill to create the fund were passed overwhelmingly by county voters.

69 Years Ago
November 7, 1935

Llwyn Doremire, of Camp Wa-Wa-Sum, is the brand-new night waiter at Lovely's Restaurant and is competing with Floyd Loskos who is holding down a similar position at the Plaza Grill.

Charles Parkinson, of this city, was the lucky winner of the \$5.00 drawing, which is held every month at the Horseshoe Lake Dance Pavilion.

Miss Irene Randolph, who had been employed at the Grayling Bakery, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Schweitzer & Wilson, beginning her duties Monday.

With the new plate glass win-

dows installed in the bakery building and painters busy inside, the place is going to be spic and span when the Grayling Bakery opens next Tuesday, as Peter Lovely, manager, announces that it will.

Chief Hogsett and Charlie Gehringer of the Detroit Tigers stopped off in Grayling Wednesday.

While at Schoonover's garage, Fuzzy Reynolds got both Tiger stars to give him their autographs. They were returning from a hunting trip in the north.

Mrs. Emil Gieling was hostess to her Contract Club Wednesday afternoon at a very delightful luncheon. Mrs. Harold MacNeven held the high score for bridge.

92 Years Ago
November 7, 1912

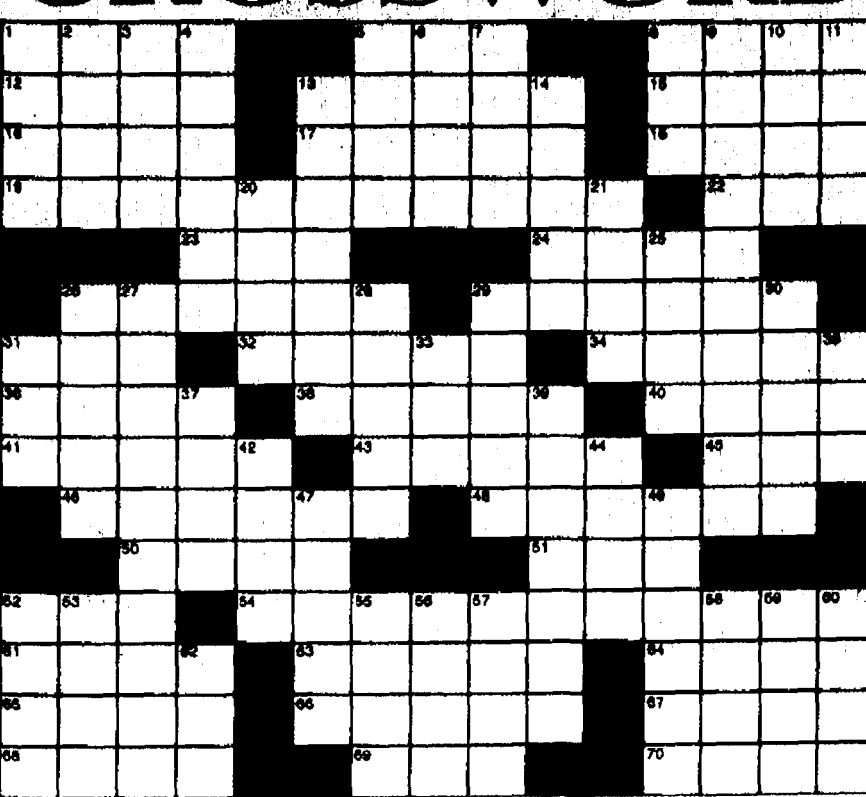
Miss Zina Smith gave a very nice Halloween party at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Bobenmoyer last Thursday evening.

A number of residences have been built in Grayling during the past summer and we wish to compliment Grant Shaw on the fine home he has built for himself and family on Michigan Ave.

B.J. Callahan's new place of business in Frederic will soon be ready for occupancy.

The house occupied by Robert Brown in Frederic caught fire in their absence last Thursday. The children were keeping house, and only for the kindly assistance of the railroad men, it was extinguished.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. To cry loudly.
5. To fall behind.
8. Robert ... British neoclassical architect.
12. Acronym for Acquisition Effectiveness Inventory.
13. Handles roughly.
15. Game resembling bingo.
16. High in stature.
17. Court of a medieval king.
18. Acronym for Australian Government Analytical Laboratories.
19. Able to make bigger.
22. Used to form the superlative degree of adjectives and adverbs.
23. Cowardly person.
24. Mary ... founder of Mount Holyoke College.
26. Horseman of the Hungarian light cavalry.
29. One that has charge of something.
31. One's male child.
32. Jan ... Dutch painter.
34. Thin band, especially one of several that are close together.
36. To cover in paper.
38. Great Roman king of Judea.
40. Without.
41. Monetary gain.
43. Various trees of the araucaria family.
45. Covering structure.
46. Lines of cliffs produced by faulting.
48. ...'s Reach, a master-planned community in Colorado.
50. Acronym for Executive Office of Immigration Review.
51. Acronym for Palestine Liberation Organization.
52. Badge of a family of the ancient feudal nobility.
54. Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.
61. Careless use of a sacred name.
63. Michael ... German Lutheran alchemist and Rosicrucian apologist.
64. Nonalcoholic, flavored carbonated beverage.
65. Expression of exuberance.
66. Lost domestic animal.
67. Tense.
68. Lather or froth on water.
69. To say further.
70. Finds acceptable.

DOWN

1. To reduce the intensity of.
2. ... Dean Foster, science fiction writer.
3. Enclosure in a ship's hold for the pumps.
4. Shades of light purple.
5. Max Von ... 1914 Nobel Prize winner.
6. Luminous radiation.
7. Marked by ease and informality.
8. Acronym for American Kennel Association.
9. Process of degenerating.
10. Type of genus of freshwater ducks.
11. To shed a bodily covering.
13. Captain Kathleen ... first woman to command a navy warship.
14. Marie ... French dancer and choreographer.
20. ... Meyer, director of Beyond the Valley of the Dolls.
21. Organs of sight.
25. Makes choices.
26. Egyptian god of light.
27. Not stressed.
28. Gives off a strong odor.
29. Whip used for flogging.
30. Anglo Saxon name meaning, "rain."
31. Abbreviation for Sweden.
33. Fixed point in time from which a series of years is reckoned.
35. Acronym for Alpha Sigma Phi.
37. Acronym for Personal Research Activity Office (Navy).
39. Heavy fabric used as a curtain.
42. ... L. Harry, author of Arc Light.
44. Evils.
47. Formal dances given by high schools.
49. Casualties.
52. Cuts down standing herbage.
53. Chief island of Hawaii.
55. Acronym for North American Tiddlywinks Association.
56. To prepare for action.
57. To interpret a musical work in performance.
58. Most frequent value of a set of data.
59. Cutting side of a blade.
60. Negative replies.
62. Acronym for Health, Environment and Safety.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Honey Mustard Kabobs

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| 1 package Turkey Boneless Breast Tenderloins, cut into 1 1/4-inch chunks | 1 yellow or green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch chunks |
| 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch chunks | 1 medium onion, cut into 1-inch chunks |
| | 1/2 cup prepared honey mustard barbecue sauce |

Prepare grill. Alternately thread turkey and vegetables onto 8 (10- to 12-inch) metal skewers or soaked bamboo skewers. Brush half of honey mustard barbecue sauce over kabobs. Grill for about 6 minutes, about 5 inches from heat source. Brush remaining sauce over kabobs; turn and continue to cook about 8 minutes longer or until turkey is no longer pink in center, turning occasionally. Makes 8 servings.

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Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the shelter to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. The new 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are on sale at the Avalanche for a donation of \$5 each.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of November 4, 2004

 ARIES March 21-April 19 A young friend's health scare makes you realize how fragile life can be. Be thankful for all that you have and don't take anything for granted.	 TAURUS April 20-May 20 Actions speak louder than words. Keep that in mind as you slip up at home. Make an effort to show how sorry you are.	 GEMINI June 22-July 22 An opportunity falls into your lap. Make the most of it. Your finances take a hit. Don't fret—you'll recover quickly.	 CANCER July 23-August 22 You're invited to take part in an unusual Thanksgiving event. Don't worry. You won't look any sillier than anyone else, so put aside your reservations and go!	 LEO August 23-September 22 Gospel wreaks havoc on your personal life. Sit through the mess and then avoid the grapevine at all costs.	 VIRGO September 23-October 22 Your knack for making people feel welcome has everyone wanting to come to your house for Thanksgiving. Don't be stingy with your guest list—the more, the merrier.	 LIBRA October 23-November 21 The mixed message you have been receiving regarding a project at work is finally cleared up. Proceed with caution.	 SCORPIO November 22-December 21 A close friend is being quite self. Find a way to let them that this is start of the season giving. A telephone call makes you smile.
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Rain	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
	42	42	0.18	45	40	40	49	45	44	41
	45	40	0.02	59	40	48	67	49	32	42
	67	49	0.32	65	42	0.5	47	38	0.03	41
	47	38	0.03	41	37	0.53				
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1. Real Estate

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NEW 1,800 SQ FT 3-4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 car garage, square 2 1/2 acres. Burton's Landing Road, near river. 348-4840. (-4-11-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

MODULAR HOME: Friendship Point West 27x57, 10 years old, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, vault ceilings, gas fireplace, appliances, great shape. \$19,200. Relocation buyer responsibility. Call: 989-708-0111. (-21-28-4-11-18/1)

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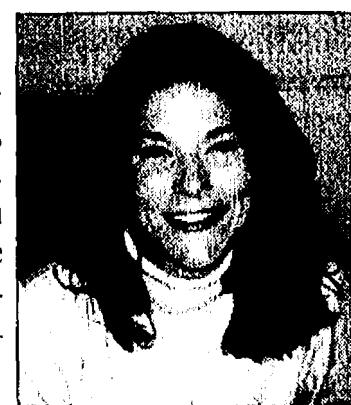
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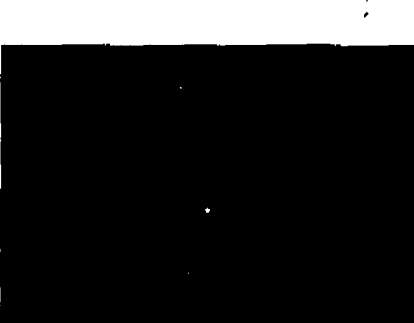
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH home offers 1055 square feet and detached garage. In the village of Roscommon. Sit at end of a semi-private road. Property also includes a cabin that is currently being rented out. Great Investment Property. Roscommon area. \$79,900.00 CS-1852



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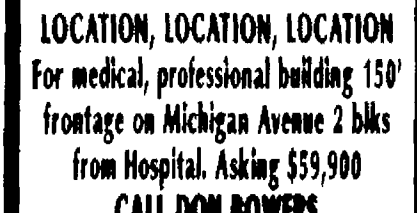
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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION: POSITION: High School Varsity Cheerleading Coach. DESCRIPTION: To select, direct, and supervise all functions, practices and games where cheerleaders are participating. Season runs through basketball season. May also require participation in state cheer competition. QUALIFICATIONS: Cheerleading background and/or coaching experience with a cheerleading squad. Preferably candidate would have competition cheerleading experience as a coach or participant. SALARY: According to contract. APPLY TO: Milli A. Haug, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (989)344-3500, fax (989)348-6822. DEADLINE: November 9, 2004. All new Crawford AuSable School District coaches will be required to attend the MHSAA PACE Workshops. This applies to both staff and non-staff coaches. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-4/3)

100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-4-11-18-25/3)

NURSING ASSISTANT 2nd shift, full-time. Competitive wage and benefit package. Certification not required. Must be experienced. RN: 15-20 hours per week. In charge of resident assessments and medication delivery system. The Brook Retirement Community, 195 State Street, Roscommon, MI 48653. Send resume or fill out application between 10 am - 3 pm. Deadline: 11-9-04. (-28-4/3)

DAY CONSTRUCTION looking for one laborer and one carpenter. Call 989-429-6989. (-28-4/3)

3. Employment

SALES HELP WANTED
General Electric Capital Assurance Company, a world leader in long-term care insurance protection, is experiencing tremendous growth. We are looking to fill positions in the growing Central Michigan market. Long-term care insurance protection is an expanding specialty market and this opportunity can provide the right individuals with competitive commissions, leads to help you launch your business and a pathway to future opportunities. If you want to set your own goals and be rewarded for hard work and creativity, email your resume to Bill.Bailey@genworth.com or call 269-506-5596 or 269-435-3535. (-4/3)

SMALL LOCAL OFFICE looking for a full-time receptionist/bookkeeper. Responsibilities to include payroll processing, computer data entry, answering phones, scheduling appointments and other general office duties. Knowledge of Quickbooks, MS Word and MS Excel required. Please send resume to: Employment, P.O. Box 897, Grayling, MI 49738. (-28-4/3)

GENERAL LABORERS needed for stacking and sorting products in Grayling area. 1st and 2nd shift positions available. Possible full time opportunity. Call Kelly Services at 989-705-2120. Kelly Services is an equal opportunity employer. (-4/3)

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP is seeking a full-time Receptionist/Entry Level Secretary. Applicants must possess excellent customer service/telephone skills, general office skills and have basic computer knowledge. Interested candidates should send a resume to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Resumes will be accepted through November 12, 2004, with interviews the following week. (-28-4/3)

3. Employment

REGISTERED NURSES

Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered nurses to become part of our caring team of dedicated professionals. All candidates must be licensed as a Registered Nurse in the state of Michigan. We currently have openings in the **CRITICAL CARE UNIT**:

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Critical Care or Telemetry experience required

We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits, including \$2.00 per hour shift differential on nights. Interested persons please contact:

Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave Grayling, MI 49738
Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-0485
E-mail slewis@trinity-health.org
Check our web site at www.mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org

CLINICAL LEADER

Pre-Admission/OPCU

Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking candidates to become part of our caring team of dedicated professionals in the position of Clinical Leader for Pre-Admission/OPCU. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing, BSN or equivalent preferred. 2-3 years pertinent clinical experience with demonstrated competency in clinical nursing and interest in continuous professional growth. Excellent interpersonal skills required in order to lead health care team and interact with internal/external customers. Demonstrated evidence of self-direction skills and ability to assume responsibility for the quality of nursing care delivered to patients. Performs the primary function of daily coordination of patient care. For more information please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave Grayling, MI 49738
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NEW LISTING
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NEW LISTING
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NEW LISTING
CHARMING 2-STORY HOME IN CITY Charming and well-cared-for 4 bedroom home in the city. The fenced-in yard, new roof, full basement and 1-car attached garage help make this a real value. \$89,900 #235589

REDUCED
WELL KEPT HOME IN PRIVATE SETTING A well kept 3 BR, 2 Bath HUD home on 2.5 acres, quiet and private, yet near town. A perfect spot for your home or weekend getaway. Thousands of acres of state and federal land 1/2 mile away. 12x30 storage shed for the boys. \$74,900 #235586

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REDUCED
COZY HOME IN CITY Cozy little 2 BR, 1 bath bungalow in the Village of Kalkaska. Well maintained, neat and tidy. Close to schools and good rental history. Property line to be moved 10' prior to sale. \$72,900 #235147

REDUCED
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ATTENTION NORTHERNERS Limited offer, any room in home painted for \$70. 25 years experience. No one does it better. 989-348-6169. (-28-4-11-18-25/4)

DRIVER'S TRAINING and road testing for cars and motorcycles is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the November 16 or January 10 class. Contact Howard Lehti 348-8838. Lowest rates in Northern Michigan - 32 years experience. (LR11/11/04/4)

SNOWPLOWING: residential and commercial. Pay per plow or pay for the season and receive a discount (paid in advance). Call Dale at 989-348-5848 or 989-710-1082 for your quote. (-28-4/4)

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TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS has IMMEDIATE openings for construction of Pole Buildings. You still have time to build before the snow flies. Featuring Ultra 2000 for siding and roofing. If you want the best call Tom's 1-800-541-3974. (-11/4/04/1/4)

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass (a division of JJ's Motor Mall). Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04/1/4)

OLD MAN WINTER is coming. Is your car ready for him? Let JJ's Motor Mall protect your vehicle with a complete detail (wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires). Appointment necessary. M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04/1/4)

SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING, quilter (classes offered). Ask for Lorrie (989)348-7299. (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

SNOWPLOWING now accepting yearly customers. Book early for best prices. 348-2078. (-21-28-4/4)

CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE is looking for full-time children who love fun activities, healthy food, and lots of love. Owned by Pat McLaughlin. Please call 348-4249. (-28-4-11-18-25/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/1/4)

FALL CLEAN UP Call Edward 989-329-0071. (-4-11/4)

1993 KARAVAN SNOWMOBILE trailer, 4 place, drive on, drive off. \$875. 989-348-5725. (-28-4/5)

DRY OAK FIREWOOD cut, split, ready to burn. \$50 per face cord, delivery available. Call Chris 989-348-1870 or 989-619-0912. (-LR12/23/04/5)

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AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03/1/5)

6 1/2 FOOT MEYER power angle snow plow in new condition, \$600. 1986 Jeep Comanche pickup for parts with cap, runs. \$500. 989-821-6326. (-28-4/5)

TWO DRESSERS good condition. \$50 each. Call 348-4432. (-4/5)

LIKE NEW AIR HOCKEY table, full size, \$200. Wrap around couch with sleeper and recliner, good condition, \$500. 348-8713. (-4-11/5)

PICKUP FIBERGLASS CAP (pewter) for S10/S15 pickups. \$400 (989)348-7354. (-28-4-11-18/5)

FIRE WOOD Cut, dried, split, delivered. One face cord \$50. 989-275-8930. (-4-11/5)

SKI DOO Mini Z. snowmobile 2000. \$1,500. Call 989-275-6078. (-4/5)

8 MONTH OLD YELLOW LAB puppy. Male with papers. \$300. 821-5319. (-10/21/04/1/5)

FOR SALE - Sears Kenmore large capacity washing machine, like new. \$250. Call Eric at 348-3308. (-10/21/04/1/5)

FOR SALE 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower elec. start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04/1/5)

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RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE local maker has quality pieces available. Built to order. Lower overhead means lower prices to you. Call 348-6677. If no answer, please leave message. (-16-23-30/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03/1/5)

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5 - 6 HOT TUB \$2,300. 348-4578. (-4/5)

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7. Miscellaneous

Crossword Answers

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3. Employment

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

CUSTOM SIGNS AND LETTERING for your business, truck, trailer, boat, etc. Call Pete Kocofas 989-348-8627. (05/13/04/1/7)

8. Announcements

Holiday Bazaar
Fri. & Sat. Nov. 12 & 13
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bake Sale, Crafts, Toys, Decorations
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Business I-75 & M-93, Grayling

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding two public hearings on its Agency Plan. The Annual Plan is a compliance of the Housing commission's functional policies. The Five - year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comments. Therefore, as of November 1, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. At the regularly scheduled meetings, on November 9th and December 14th p.m., public hearings will be held in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES
The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CRCPC will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs. These grants will be awarded in January of 2005. Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501c3 of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination. The CRCPC will review applications at its December, 2004 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Monday, November 15, 2004. To obtain an application please contact Sherry Rosin, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.

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◆ Exposure to the aspects of owning and caring for a horse
◆ Horse related projects such as art
◆ AND the big one... RIDING and working with the HORSES!

Please contact Geri or Jessie at Hawk Hill Farm for registration and questions. 348-9037
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3. Employment

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3. Employment

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is seeking an executive Director to provide management services for public transportation programming in Crawford County. The ideal candidate will have: (1) a Bachelor's Degree [public or business administration preferred]; (2) two to five years of related experience; and/or (3) an equivalent combination of education and experience.

The candidate will have proven interpersonal and organizational skills, experience in supervising staff and competence in related areas including computer technology. In addition to working with program staff, the Executive Director is also charged with the responsibility to work effectively with other human service agencies in the community, as well as several units of government and related departments. The Executive Director reports directly to a seven member Board of Directors which provides program oversight.

The community of Grayling is centrally located in the northern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula and possesses a number of unique characteristics. In this regard, two of the most pristine trout streams in North America flow through the area. Recreational opportunities available in the region are additionally enhanced by an abundance of public lands. The community also proudly serves as the home of the largest Army National Guard base in the nation. And finally, although Crawford County is a relatively sparsely populated area, the population of the county increased by more than 16% in the last decade

The CCTA offers a competitive salary and benefit package based on qualifications and experience. Interested candidates will send resume to:

Mr. David C. Frederick, Executive Director
4276 West North Down River Road.
Grayling, MI 49738
ccta@i2k.com

The deadline for submitting resumes is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

*The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an
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8. Announcements

CLUB KENO & PULL TABS at the Gray Rock Cafe! The Gray Rock Cafe has given away over \$145,000 to its patrons. Plus one loyal patron was a \$4,000 winner! Join the fun at 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (-05/06/04)(78)

COMING NOVEMBER 12 & 13 Holiday Bazaar and bake sale. Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling. (SGF-28-4/8)

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10. Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE All home furnishings, beds, couches, lamps, tables, chairs, tools, power equipment, sports equipment, boat. Guthrie Lakes 11358 Fantasy Drive. Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14. 12 noon to 6 pm. Questions or directions call 906-643-8290. (-4-11/10)

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1989 CADILLAC BROUGHAM Good condition. \$3,000. Call 989-275-6078. Approx 40,000 miles. (-4/11)

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FOR SALE 1991 Chevy 4x4 1/2 ton pickup. \$2,695. 989-821-5692. (-4-11/11)

1994 BUICK ROADMASTER 145K miles. Good condition. \$2,700. 989-348-2495. (-9/16/04)(71)

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1998 CHEVY BLAZER SL 4 door, 4 wheel drive, trailer hitch. Great shape, runs great. \$7,000. Call mornings 348-9569. (-4/11)

1997 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT four door, 67,600 miles. \$5,800. Excellent condition! Call 989-348-5860. (SGF-28-4/11)

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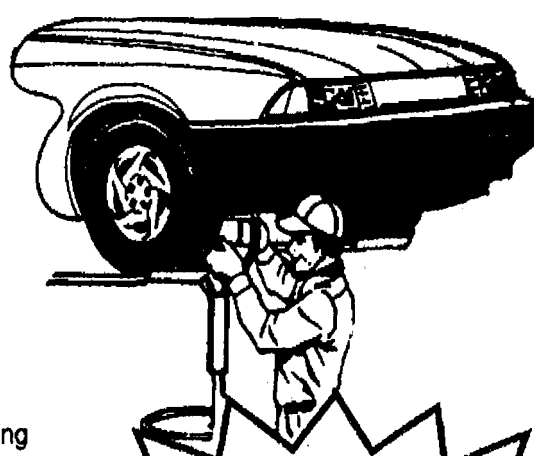
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